

JUSTIN N. KIM

"My Kind of Town"

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Canyon Country Community Center



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(Cover Photo)

Justin N. Kim, *Echo Park*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022

OUR MISSION

Our Vision

The City of Santa Clarita will be recognized as a "city of the arts," where the lives of residents, artists, and visitors are enriched through artistic and cultural experiences

Mission Statement

To facilitate achievement in the arts for the benefit of the entire community.

Our Goals

1. Provide leadership for the advancement and support of arts and culture.
2. Promote economic development through the arts.
3. Enhance arts and cultural education

Arts Master Plan

The City of Santa Clarita commissioned the Arts Master Plan to create a long-term roadmap for arts, entertainment, and cultural development throughout the community over the next 10 years. The plan addresses several areas of specific interest: public art, Old Town Newhall Arts and Entertainment District, arts education, governance of the arts, cultural facilities, venues and spaces, supporting artists and arts organizations, arts funding, creative economy, marketing the arts, and celebrating diversity

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INTRODUCTION

Nestled in the heart of Southern California, the City of Santa Clarita has blossomed into a cultural haven, brimming with artistic vitality and creative energy. With a commitment to fostering artistic expression and engaging the community, Santa Clarita Arts has become a driving force in promoting and supporting the arts in the area. From our various gallery locations to our art services, public art projects, and arts and education programs, Santa Clarita Arts has firmly established itself as a cornerstone of the city's cultural landscape.

One of the defining features of Santa Clarita Arts is its array of gallery locations, each offering a unique platform for artists to showcase their vision and talent to the community. The First Floor Gallery in City Hall serves as a prestigious exhibition space, showcasing both local and nationally recognized artists. The Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Library, Old Town Newhall Library, Valencia Public Library, Canyon Country Community Center, and Newhall Community Center all provide an intimate setting for visual arts exhibitions, while The MAIN celebrates a fusion of arts, hosting diverse comedy, musical, theatrical events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Beyond our gallery spaces, Santa Clarita Arts offers a wide range of art services designed to support local artists and nurture their creative journeys. Through artists grants to professional development opportunities, Santa Clarita Arts empowers artists to push the boundaries of their practice and thrive in the art world. Additionally, our art classes, workshops, and community outreach initiatives provides invaluable resources for individuals of all ages to explore their artistic passions and develop their skills.

A shining aspect of Santa Clarita Arts is our dedication to public art projects, which serve as vibrant landmarks that enrich the city's aesthetic landscape. From large-scale sculptures to interactive installations, these public art projects punctuate the urban environment, inviting residents and visitors to engage with art in unexpected and delightful ways.

INTRODUCTION

The city's commitment to integrating art into public spaces not only enhances the visual appeal of Santa Clarita but also promotes a sense of community pride and connection.

In alignment with our commitment to arts education, Santa Clarita Arts has developed comprehensive programs that inspire the next generation of creative minds. Our arts education initiatives reach students across the city, providing access to arts experiences workshops, and mentorship opportunities. By nurturing young talent, Santa Clarita Arts ensures the continued growth and vitality of the local arts community, fostering a rich cultural legacy for generations to come.

The City of Santa Clarita has established itself as a vibrant arts destination, thanks to the visionary leadership and unwavering support of Santa Clarita Arts. Their dedication to providing gallery spaces, art services, public art projects, and arts education programs has transformed the city into a thriving hub of artistic expression. Through their unwavering commitment to the arts, Santa Clarita has elevated the cultural landscape, connecting artists, residents, and visitors in a celebration of creativity, diversity, and community.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Santa Clarita's arts scene and witness the profound impact of Santa Clarita Arts on the cultural fabric of the city. Let us embrace the power of art to inspire, unite, and transform, as we explore the boundless possibilities that lie within Santa Clarita's artistic landscape.

Welcome to the world of Santa Clarita Arts!



Justin N. Kim, *Monterey St.*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022

JUSTIN N. KIM

Artist Statement

As Chicago was dear to Sinatra in his heart, Los Angeles feels that way to me. It calls me home and it is my kind of town, Los Angeles. This place is big and filled with so many small neighborhoods of people living here, each with their own story and feelings of being a part of something bigger. I often forget that I live in LA until I go outside and see buildings after buildings and so many people. All the people, buildings, and noise come together to create the feeling that you are in the middle of it all. It's happening all around us in the most lively, noticeable manner. While I am reminded that I am part of something bigger than myself by being here, I am also where I want to be because this is my kind of town. I have worked all over and moved around a few times within this town and each neighborhood is significantly their own and unique. These map paintings tell their own stories of the uniqueness within the small areas of each neighborhood that I have personal connections with."

Biography

Justin N. Kim is a Korean born abstract painter who currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California. Kim paints abstract color field paintings, maps and circuit boards visualizing melded relationships found within man made subject matters and surroundings. Kim exhibited at Art Market San Francisco with Billis Williams Gallery in 2023, also had a solo exhibition at Billis Williams Gallery and was published in Friend of the Artist Volume 15 in 2022. Kim earned his MFA degree from California State University, Northridge in 2018.

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Justin N. Kim, *Silver Lake*, oil and acrylic on panel, 20 x 16 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *North Hills*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Melrose*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Koreatown*, oil and acrylic on panel, 12 x 9 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Forest Lawn*, oil and acrylic on panel, 20 x 16 in, 2023



Justin N. Kim, *Echo Park*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Downey*, oil and acrylic on panel, 20 x 16 in, 2023



Justin N. Kim, *Boyle Heights*, oil and acrylic on canvas, 24 x 20 in, 2023



Justin N. Kim, *Garfield Park*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Alhambra Park*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022



Justin N. Kim, *Downtown LA (Pink)*, oil and acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 in, 2022

EXHIBITION LOCATIONS

First Floor Gallery

Santa Clarita City Hall
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Canyon Country

Jo Anne Darcy Library

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Valencia Public Library

23743 W. Valencia Boulevard
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Valencia Public Library - Childrens' Area

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Newhall Community Center

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Old Town Newhall Library

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