



JANINE COOPER AYRES

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(Cover Photo)

Janine Cooper Ayres, *Coyote (Pettable)*, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 30 in, 2018, \$429

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

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.

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!

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Janine Cooper Ayres, *E.T. Couple*, embellished canvas print, 11 x 14 in, 1998,
\$99

JANINE COOPER AYRES

Artist Statement

Janine Cooper Ayres (J-9) is a Santa Clarita artist who has been creating art since she graduated high school in San Jose, California. Primarily self-taught, she is an intuitive painter. Her inspiration comes from visions and flashes of inner realizations, giving her artistic expressions a unique and individualistic style. She paints from the inside out, from the right side of the brain, as a way of getting in touch with buried emotions in her subconscious. She has often stated that art is therapy for her. "If only others could take time to create art (or music) this world would be a more balanced and peaceful place to live." Her Sci-fi series of artwork is the bulk of her collection. It has been featured on TV shows, in movies and on album covers. She enjoys painting alien families with their pets, with landscapes behind them from other worlds. In her opinion, the question of 'who do we share this universe with?' is one of the greatest mysteries of all time. Through the ages it is something that almost everyone on Earth has pondered upon as they've gazed up at the night sky. She hopes that her paintings will inspire her viewers to imagine for themselves what life might look like on other planets. "Perhaps it will help us step outside of ourselves a bit and give us a better perspective." Janine has sold over 300 original paintings over the years. Most recently she has begun to create canvas prints of some of the paintings that were sold long ago and thought to be lost forever. She has also started creating a clothing and accessory line. Janine is also a singer-songwriter, actress (member of SAG/AFTRA), filmmaker/producer and an author. Her first novel 'The Wreck of Elizabeth' is set in Santa Clarita and was inspired by her own adventures while living in a cabin with her husband in the Angeles National Forest at the top of Bouquet Canyon Road. She currently lives in Newhall, California with her cat, Mr. Kitt.

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Janine Cooper Ayres, *Penn*, oil on masonite, 12 x 16 in, 1994, \$249



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Yellow ET*, oil on canvas, 11 x 14 in, 1996, \$229



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Moon Man*, oil on canvas, 12 x 16 in, 1993, \$249



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Head in the Clouds*, embellished print, 16 x 20 in, 1997, \$299



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Four Peaces*, embellished canvas print, 16 x 16 in, 2017, \$229



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Emma Leah*, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 30 in, 2010, \$449



Janine Cooper Ayres, *E.T. Lovers*, embellished canvas print, 11 x 14 in, 2016, \$99



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Delvin*, oil on canvas, 14 x 18 in, 2011,
\$229



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Coyote (Pettable)*, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 30 in, 2018, \$429



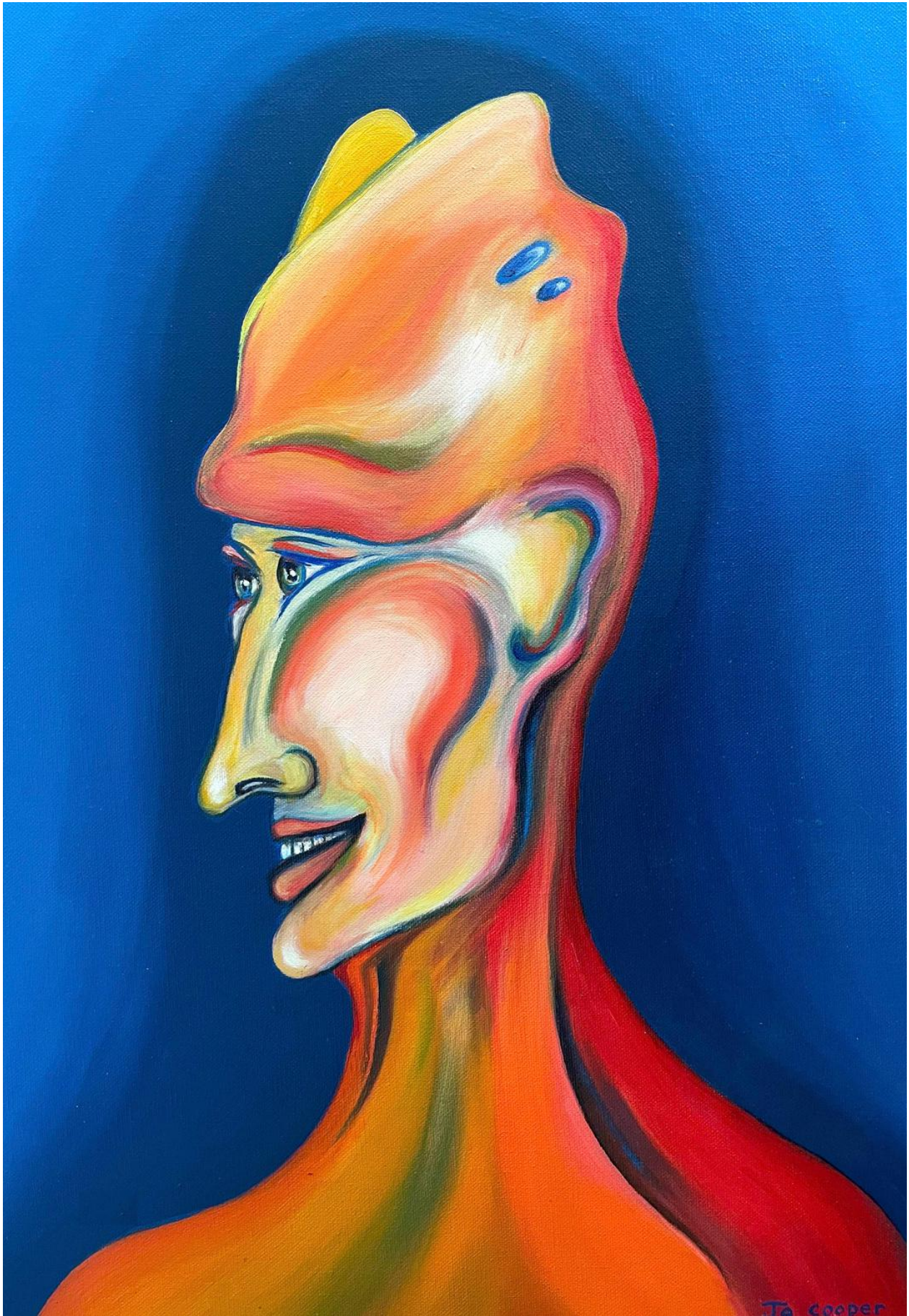
Janine Cooper Ayres, *Candle Man*, oil on canvas board, 16 x 20 in, 1992, \$999



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Barn Owl & Her Babies*, acrylic on canvas, 18 x 24 in, 2019,
\$249



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Avieri*, embellished canvas print, 11 x 14 in, 2009, \$99



Janine Cooper Ayres, *Aquafina*, oil on canvas, 18 x 24 in, 1995, \$229

EXHIBITION LOCATIONS

First Floor Gallery

Santa Clarita City Hall
23920 Valencia Boulevard
Valencia, CA 91355
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Canyon Country

Jo Anne Darcy Library

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Canyon Country, CA 91351
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Valencia Public Library

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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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Canyon Country Community Center

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