

SHERIF HAKEEM

"Saving Endangered Wildlife Through Fine Art"

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The MAIN



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(Cover Photo)

Sherif Hakeem, *Hopper the Hyper-Realistic*, Black and white charcoal, 16 x 21 in.

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.

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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!



Sherif Hakeem, *Fire in His Eyes*, Black and white charcoal, 17 x 22 in.

SHERIF HAKEEM

Artist Statement

Sherif Hakeem is a fine art wildlife charcoal artist who produces highly detailed hyper-realistic portraits of endangered species and abused animals. His purpose is to highlight the plight in which endangered wildlife and abused animals are facing and have been for some time. He takes painstakingly long arduous hours to capture every detail of every species he draws, not only to create a highly detailed piece of art for the sake of hyper-realism, but to capture the subject in its most realistic form because he does not see it as a drawing but he see the subject as real and wants to convey this message to the viewers of his artwork. This transition opens a much deeper and thought-provoking conversation about the purpose of the artwork as opposed to just the superficialities of the artwork itself, for example, the technique and materials he uses. It is more a question of “why” he creates the artwork than a question of “how” he creates the artwork. This kind of conversation hones in directly to the point of his artwork and that is to say his response to the “why” is to allow people to see that he does not view these animals as a figment of his imagination, but as beings of this earth that cannot save themselves and so he uses the gift he has been given to grant them the loudest voice possible.

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Sherif Hakeem, *Lost to Worry*, Black and white charcoal, 29 x 20 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *To Heaven*, Black and white charcoal, 24 x 19 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Owl Monkey 1*, Black and white charcoal, 35 x 29 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Look into my Eyes*, Black and white charcoal, 30 x 20 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *The Battle Cry*, Black and white charcoal, 19 x 24 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Secretary Bird*, Black and white charcoal, 33 x 27 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Samson*, Black and white charcoal, 30 x 21 in.



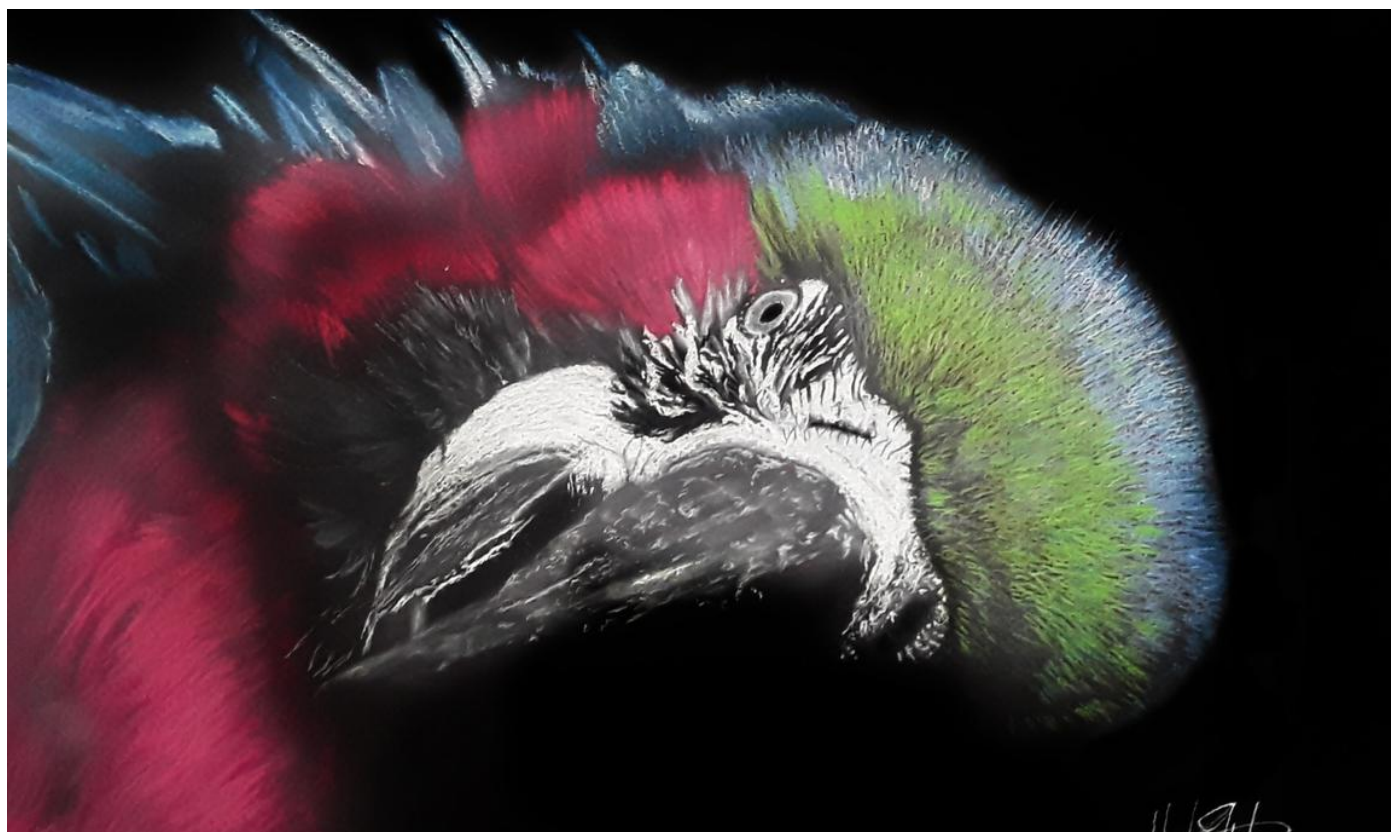
Sherif Hakeem, *The Cotton-Top*, Black and white charcoal, 20 x 20 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Sing with Me*, Black and white charcoal, 33 x 25 in.



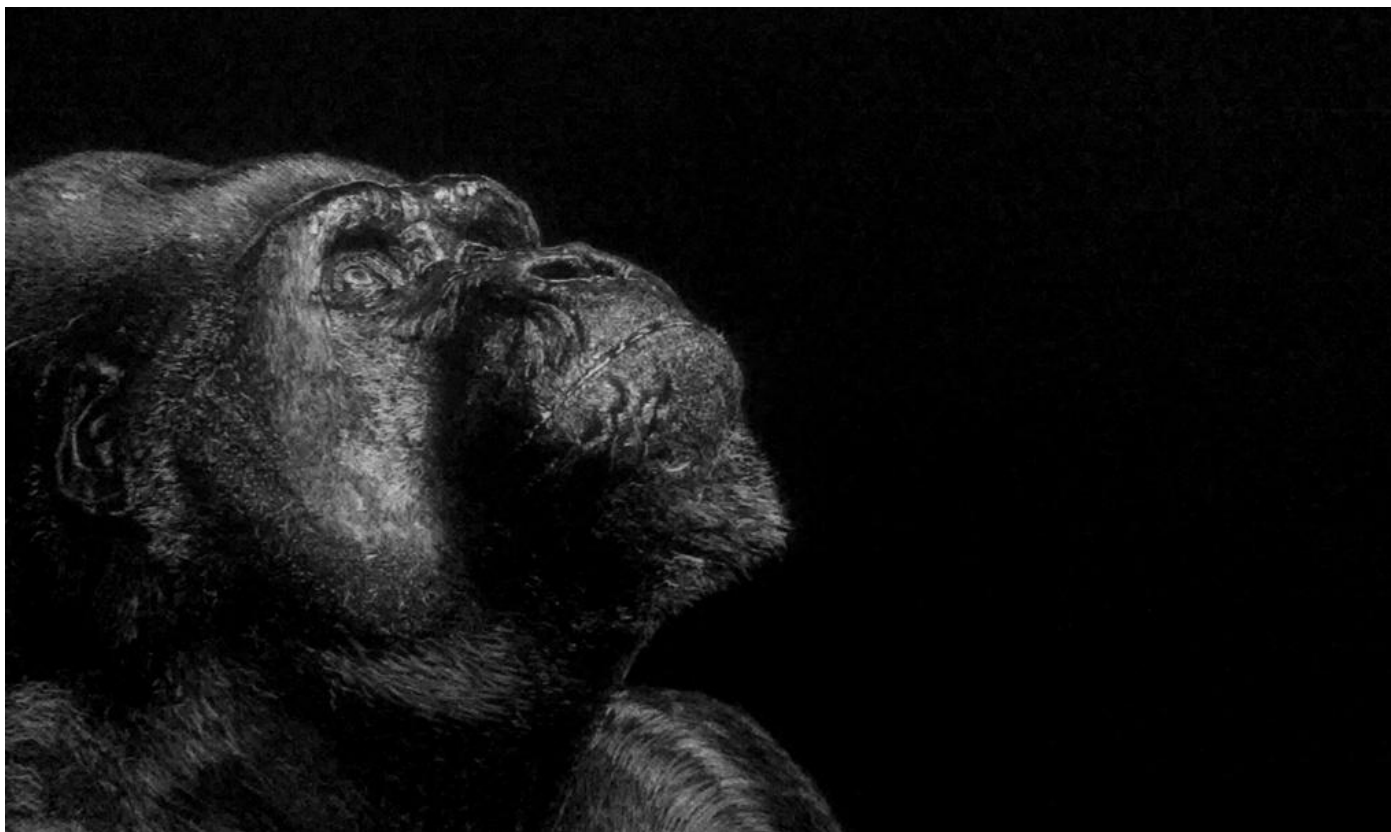
Sherif Hakeem, *Sweet Embrace*, Black and white charcoal, 21 x 27 in.



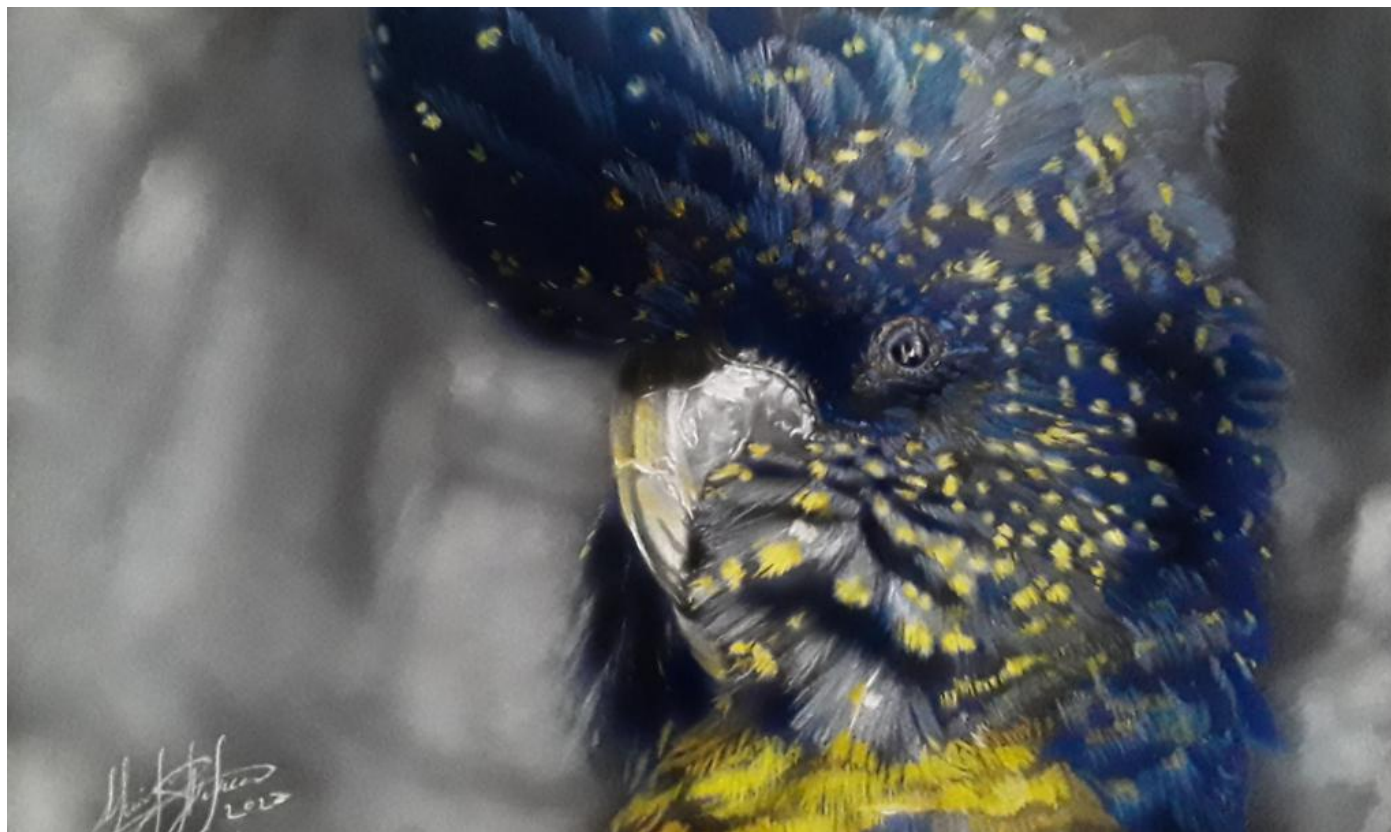
Sherif Hakeem, *Peek-A-Boo*, charcoal, 18 x 14 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Prince*, Black and white charcoal, 24 x 17 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Jungle in the Moonlight*, Black and white charcoal, 32 x 26 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Boy Blue*, charcoal, 18 x 13 in.



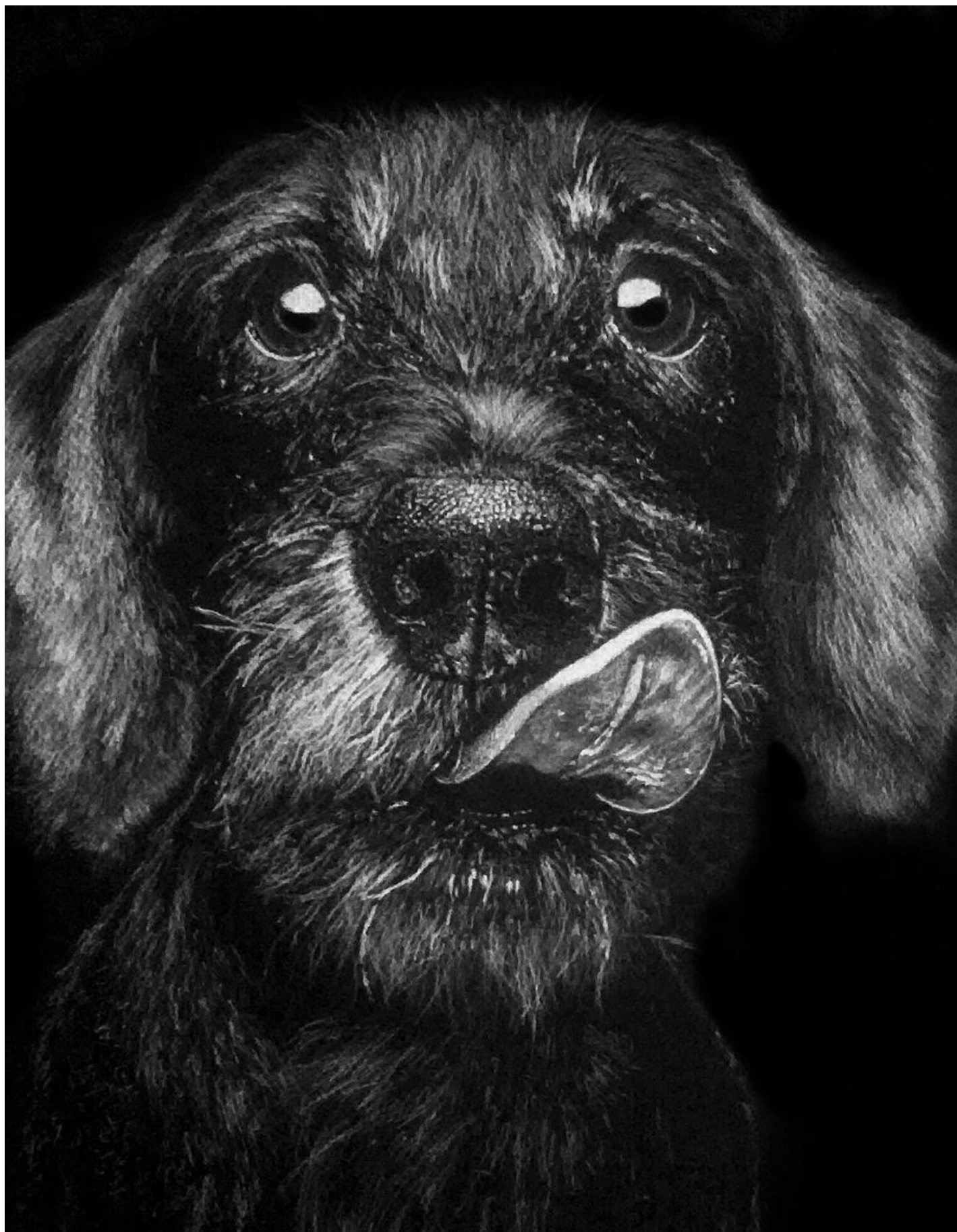
Sherif Hakeem, *Hopper The Hyper-Realistic*, Black and white charcoal, 16 x 21 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *Lizard*, Black and white charcoal, 23 x 20 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *King of Kings*, charcoal, 28 x 19 in.



Sherif Hakeem, *That's Tasty*, Black and white charcoal, 21 x 27 in.

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

18601 Soledad Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(661) 259-0750
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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

22421 Market Street
Newhall, CA 91321
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Old Town Newhall Library

24500 Main Street
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Canyon Country Community Center

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