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(Cover Photo)

(Detail) Pablo Azar, The Awakening of the Praying, Acrylic on Canvas, 20 x 16 inches

### **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**

- 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 <u>Arts Master Plan</u> 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.

www.santaclaritaarts.com

## 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 provide 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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### **PABLO AZAR**

The City of Santa Clarita is excited to announce a solo art exhibition featuring paintings by Mexican-American artist and actor, Pablo Azar. Titled *Tessellated Echoes: Endangered in the Puzzle of Existence*, this compelling exhibit will be on view at the Valencia Public Library Branch from August 29 to November 20, 2024.

Pablo Azar is known for his multifaceted talent in both the performing and visual arts. Known for his successful acting career in both Latin American and American markets, Azar has also established himself as a figure in his art community with his unique and imaginative style called "Toonymania." This new style invites viewers explore beyond the evident, urging them to discover the intricate "creatures" that Azar meticulously brings to life.

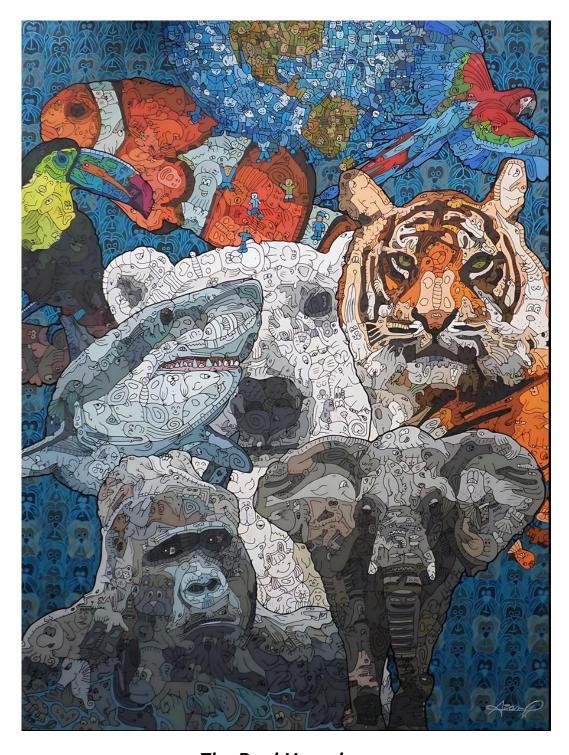
In Tessellated Echoes: Endangered in the Puzzle of Existence, Azar's works explore themes of interconnectedness and existence, urging viewers to look closer and find deeper meaning within each piece. His art, which often features vibrant colors and surreal compositions, combines elements of pop surrealism with a profound narrative that reflects his inner world and the broader human experience.

The City of Santa Clarita invites all art enthusiasts and community members to experience the vibrant and thought-provoking world of Pablo Azar. Tessellated Echoes: Endangered in the Puzzle of Existence is not just an art exhibit but a journey into the depths of creativity and existence.

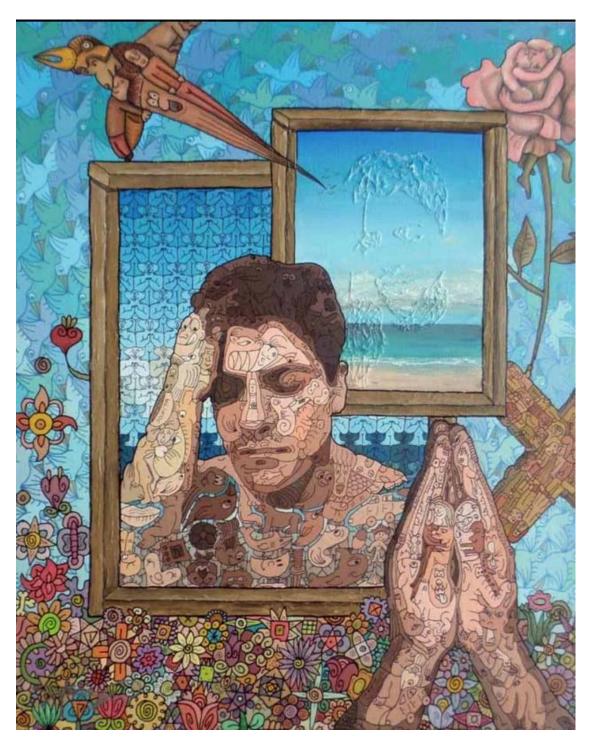
#### **How to Purchase Artwork:**

For inquiries and to purchase artwork, please contact the artist directly. Delivery will be arranged after the show ends on November 20, 2024.

Pablo Azar | srtoony.com | @toonymaniacs



The Real Homeless
Acrylic on Canvas
40 x 30 inches



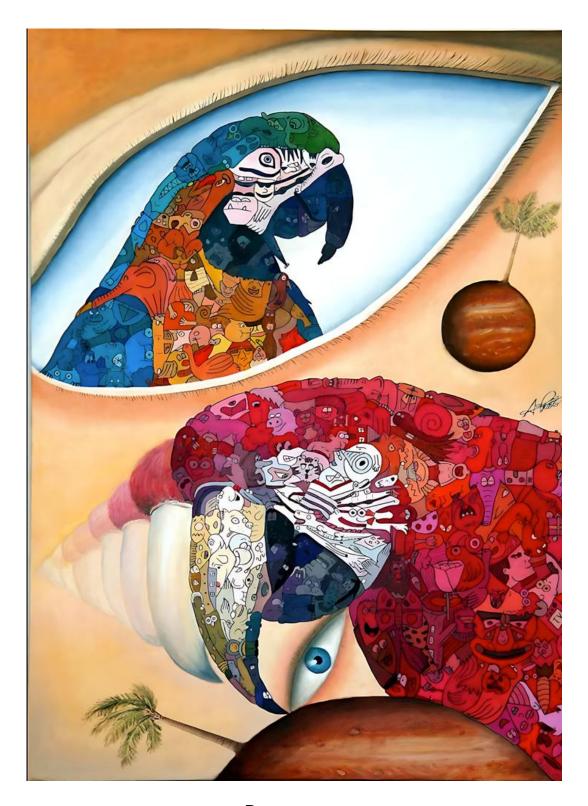
The Awakening of the Praying Subconscious

Acrylic on Canvas

20 x 16 inches



En las manos de Dios Acrylic on Canvas 24 x 24 inches



**Papagayos**Acrylic and Oil on Canvas
28 x 20 inches



Escher Horse
Acrylic on Canvas
24 x 24 inches

# **EXHIBITION LOCATIONS**

### **First Floor Gallery**

Santa Clarita City Hall
23920 Valencia Boulevard
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 259-2489
www.santa-clarita.com/cityhall
@cityofsantaclarita

## Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Library

18601 Soledad Canyon Road Canyon Country, CA 91351 (661) 259-0750 www.santaclaritalibrary.com @scvpubliclibrary

### Valencia Public Library

23743 W. Valencia Boulevard Valencia, CA 91355 (661) 259-0750 www.santaclaritalibrary.com @scvpubliclibrary

### Valencia Public Library -Childrens' Area

23743 W. Valencia Boulevard Valencia, CA 91355 (661) 259-0750 www.santaclaritalibrary.com @scvpubliclibrary

### **Newhall Community Center**

22421 Market Street
Newhall, CA 91321
(661) 286-4006
www.santa-clarita.com/ncc
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### **Old Town Newhall Library**

24500 Main Street
Newhall, CA 91321
(661) 259-0750
www.santaclaritalibrary.com
@scvpubliclibrary

## Canyon Country Community Center

18410 Sierra Highway
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(661) 290-2266
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#### **The MAIN**

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