

BODY & PRESENCE

September 12 - December 11, 2024

Canyon Country Community Center

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(Cover Photo)

(Detail) **Erica Penuela**, *Coalesce: Dessa*, Oil on Canvas, 24 x 18 x 75 in (\$345)

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 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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BODY & PRESENCE

September 12 – December 11, 2024

The City of Santa Clarita announces "Body & Presence", a new juried exhibition set to take place at the Canyon Country Community Center from September 12 through December 11, 2024. This exhibition invites the public to explore the profound relationship between the human body and its environment through a diverse range of artistic mediums.

Featured in the exhibition is Jayna Dias's compelling series *Marginality as a Site of Resistance*, which includes two striking pieces: *Hurt* and *Heal*. Through the use of oil and acrylic on canvas, Dias explores themes of identity, power, and resilience, using the Black female body as a focal point for both struggle and empowerment. Her work thoughtfully examines the impact of societal structures on individual experiences, employing textured brushwork and dramatic imagery to invite viewers into a deeper exploration of strength, resistance, and the complexities of existence.

In addition to these works, the exhibition will showcase a multimedia piece by Chin Ning Liu titled *Inborn Errors of Metabolism*. This artwork, created using acrylic and resin on canvas, delves into the unsettling integration of non-biodegradable elements into the human body, a commentary on the evolution — or degeneration — of the female form in response to modern consumption. Liu's work captures an uncanny juxtaposition of softness and unease, inviting viewers to consider the contradictions between foreign body sensations and collective consciousness.

Further deepening the exhibition's exploration of corporeality, Sarah Machemehl presents a series of ceramic jars titled *Embodied Jar 2* and *Embodied Jar 5*. These unglazed vessels symbolize the human body as a container of hidden depths and mysteries, with the addition of jewelry accentuating the narrative of personal identity and value. Machemehl's ceramics invite contemplation on the significance of tangible existence and the importance of being present.

A highlight of the exhibition will be the reception on October 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., held during the 3rd Annual Business for Artists Conference. This event will provide an opportunity for attendees to engage with the artists and their works in an intimate setting. To attend the reception and conference, visitors must register online at www.santaclaritaarts.com.

"Body & Presence" offers a platform for artists to investigate the complex interactions between the body and its environment, presenting thought-provoking pieces that resonate with a wide audience. This exhibition is an exploration of the physical and metaphysical, prompting introspection on the nature of being and the spaces we occupy.

Exhibiting Artists: Afton Coombs, Akira Usagi, Bobi Bosson, Chin Ning Liu, Dani Wieczorek, Eric Allen Carter, Erica Penuela, Marcie von Beck, Mary Milliken, Noel Waldron, Rachel Joob, Sarah Machemehl

How to Purchase Artwork:

For inquiries and to purchase artwork, please contact the artist directly. Delivery will be arranged by the artist after the show ends on December 11, 2024.



Afton Coombs
Untitled Stim Piece
Performance



Akira Usagi

Ominous Sunshine

Digital Media Giclée Print

12 x 12 inches

\$120



Bobi Bosson

Bretty Fabs

Oil on Canvas

30 x 40 inches

\$3,800



Chin Ning Liu

Inborn Errors of Metabolism

Acrylic and Resin on Canvas

21 x 16 x .6 inches

\$4,500



Sarah Machemehl

Embodied Jar 2

Ceramic

2.5 x 3.75 x 3.75 inches

\$60



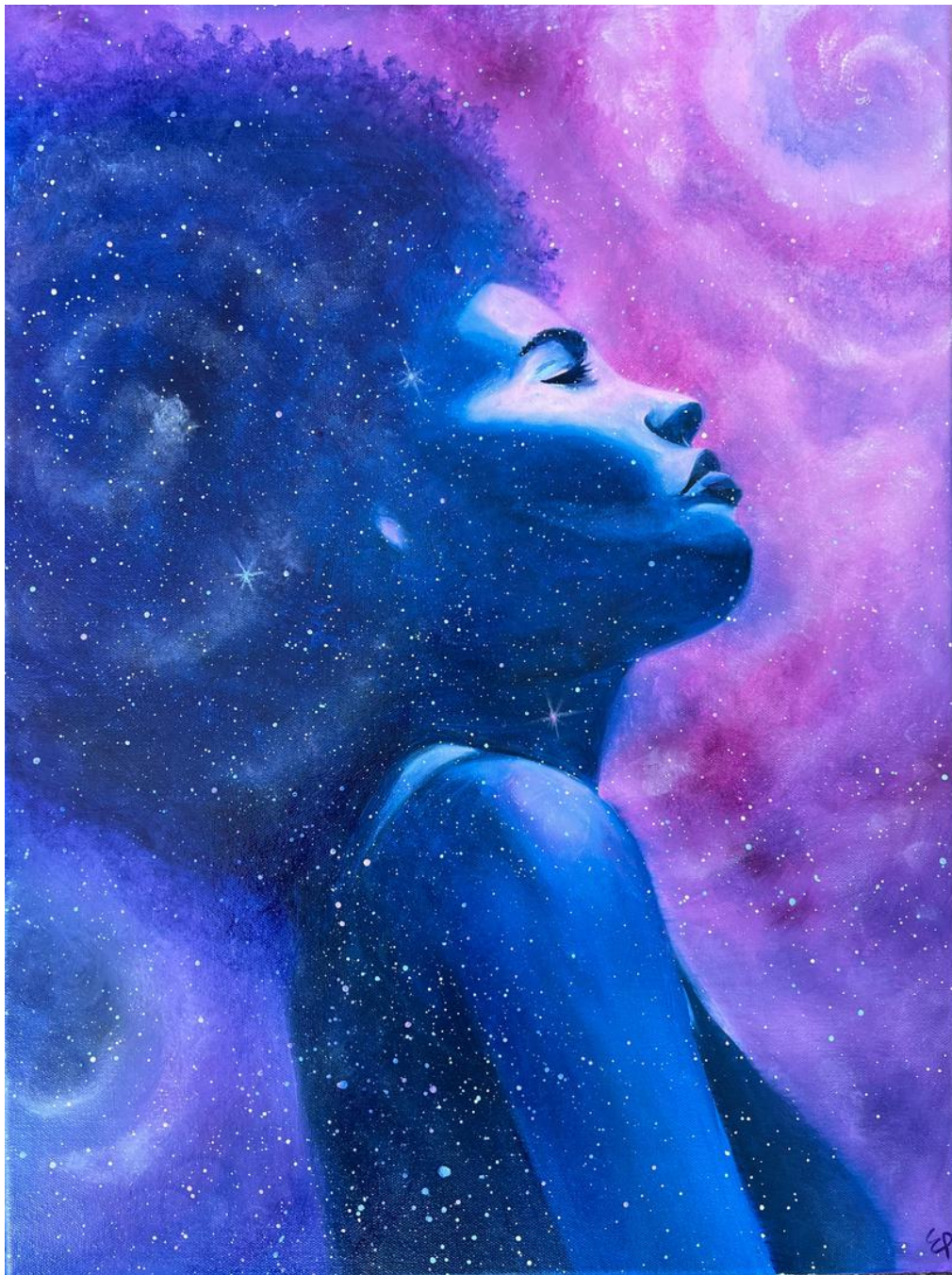
Sarah Machemehl

Embodied Jar 5

Ceramic

3 x 4 x 4.25 inches

\$55



Erica Penuela

Coalesce: Dessa

Oil on Canvas

24 x 18 x .75 inches

\$345



Eric Allen Carter

Them

Oil on Canvas

40 x 30 x 2 inches

\$6,500



Dani Wieczorek

I Am a Piece of Art

Photography

11 x 14 inches

\$100



Marcie von Beck

It's Too Much

Oil on Canvas

36 x 48 x 2 inches

\$3,200



Mary Milliken
Beach Nap
Digital Painting Giclée Print
12 x 16 inches
\$225



Noel Waldron

Reflection

Digital Photography

40 x 50 inches

\$350



Rachel Joob

Honey Pods

Pastel on Canvas

48 x 36 x 1 inches

\$3,600

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
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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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