



“An UnCommon Art Show” Spotlight: Adam Baranello

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It's a hip hop world; at least it is for Adam Baranello. A dancer, choreographer, musician, graphic design and visual artist, he's a fan of channeling energy and creative across artistic platforms to create unique works that sometimes work in tandem. In the visual art arena, a single painting by Adam Baranello will be exhibited in “An UnCommon Art Show” this weekend (November 12 - 13, 2016) at Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton.

Artist submissions to the Open Call Art Show will be accepted through Friday, November 11, 2016 at [Hampton Photo Arts](#) in Bridgehampton. The photo supply and frame shop is sponsoring the exhibition. The exhibition's theme is designed to attract artists who are working with unusual materials, an unusual process or creating art that may push boundaries. Both well and lesser-known artists have been accepted into the group show.

What may not be readily apparent from viewing Adam Baranello's mixed media work is that it represents the tip of an iceberg of artistic energy.

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“decision” by Adam Baranello. Courtesy of the artist.

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Baranello's paintings are made with a combination of spray paint, oil paint and ink, he said in a phone interview. Self taught, he puts a lot of labor into his visual art that's part of an artist practice that includes dance, choreography, music (writing and performing), teaching, filmmaking and graphic design. Each discipline feeds the other and keeps his artistic inspiration on a constant flow with high intensity running to each.

“I like to do more than one form of art,” he said. “If one time or another, I'm working on drawing, music, in my studio, and I get jammed, I move around to something else. I'm still inspired but I need a break. It's fun and the inspiration moves like a fun little wave that goes through to all the things I do. It's intense and everything is connected.”

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Adam Baranello with his work. Courtesy of the artist.

Adam Baranello may be better known in the East End Community as one half of [A & G Dance Company](#) which performs and teaches dance and performance movement in The Hamptons. The “other half” is his wife, Gail Baranello, who partners with Adam in dance, performance, teaching and film. The pair are currently artists in residency at Southampton Elementary School where they are teaching creativity across platforms in music, physical education and art, he said. A & G Dance Company also partners with [Hampton Ballet Theatre School](#) to offer contemporary dance and movements as a counterpart to classical dance and ballet.

The multi-media artist has experienced the artistic benefits all his creative efforts by working in different disciplines. Achieving a level of accomplishment in all, inspiration discovered in music translates into the visual through art or graphic design. His latest record “Classical Music From the Future” includes the drawn image of a skull with headphones that tips listeners to another side of Baranello. He also designed a T-Shirt for “An UnCommon Art Show” as part of his art contribution to the exhibition.



Cover of “Exit,” a film by Adam Baranello. Courtesy of the artist.

His original composition—featured in both his recordings and as part of his dance practice and teaching—are alternative electronic that could be considered “grunge pop,” he said. Danceable by design, the music makes use of the compositional structure of pop music but then adds grit and edge from hip hop and alternative rock music.

His visual art and graphic design are directly inspired by his music and feature a looseness of line and the inclusion of text that channels street art.

“There’s a sloppiness and a grunge feel,” said Baranello. “I use spray paint and ink. It’s very much connected to the music and the dance and the attitude of what I’m doing.”



“Spaceman,” an album by Adam Baranello. Courtesy of the artist.



T-shirt designed by Adam Baranello. Courtesy of the artist.

Adam Baranello's art is represented by Pollaris Gallery in Southampton. His work has also been exhibited in galleries and pop ups in The Hamptons. To learn more about his art, music, dance and more, visit www.adambaranello.com.

BASIC FACTS: "An UnCommon Art Show" hosted by [Hampton Photo Arts and Framing](#) takes place on Saturday, November 12, and Sunday, November 13, 2016. Ashawagh Hall is located at 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.ashawagh-hall.org.

Artists can continue to apply to exhibit through November 11, 2016 by stopping by Hampton Photo Arts and Framing in Bridgehampton Commons, 2044 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.hamptonphotoarts.com. For information on the exhibition or how to apply, contact Franki at commonartzine@gmail.com.

Even before the doors open on Saturday, November 12, 2016, Hampton Photo Arts decided to ease some of the suspense to reveal the work of four artists who will exhibit in the show: [Franki Mancinelli](#); [Miles Partington](#), [Adam Barnello](#) and [Francisco Aliotta](#). The work of all four artists pull from different traditions and influences, demonstrating some of the diverse works that will be exhibited in the open call art show.

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