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TRUMAN CAPONE PRESENTS

MUTT



OPENING

OCTOBER 10, 2026

AT CRUISE COFFEE CAFE
IN SCOTTS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

SCOTTS VALLEY, CALIF. — Truman Capone presents MUTT, his first public exhibition, opening October 10, 2026 at Cruise Coffee Cafe in Scotts Valley. The Santa Cruz native, who now works out of a studio in Vallejo, has until now developed his practice outside public view. The five oil paintings depict invented animals that belong to no known species or myth.

In the lead work, Hobbling of a Sacred Spawn, a white unicorn lies beneath tropical leaves with a pink-feathered arrow in its shoulder. Capone does not explain who shot it or what it is the spawn of.

"I've always identified more with a mutt than a purebred. I'm a little bit of everything, and that's how I like my world too," Capone said.

The five works — Hobbling of a Sacred Spawn, Coronation in the House of Flies, To Tell a Fable, All the Small Things and Earthquake Song — are all oil on canvas and dated 2025. MUTT was created exclusively for Emerald Thinker.

MUTT enters a lush, theatrical world where tenderness and menace occupy the same frame.

Across five oil paintings, strange animals and invented companions appear among oversized leaves, flowers, snakes, birds and watchful figures. Their expressions are vulnerable, suspicious, exhausted and occasionally absurd.

Capone borrows the visual authority of the traditional portrait and the decorative richness of old-world painting, then gives that seriousness to creatures that do not quite belong to any known taxonomy. Ornate frames heighten the contradiction: these imaginary beings are treated as if they have always deserved a place in the canon.

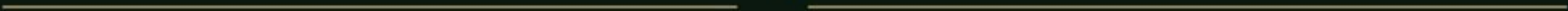
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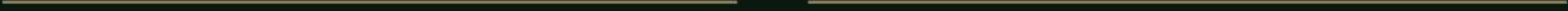
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THE ARTIST

Truman Capone is a Santa Cruz native who lives and works in Vallejo, California, painting in oil and mixed media. He comes from a family of artists on both sides and pairs artistic training with years of independent study.



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ARTIST STATEMENT

The creatures in MUTT don't really belong to any one place or category. They're odd, imperfect, sometimes beautiful and sometimes a little unsettling, but each one has something about it worth loving. I hope people see a little of themselves in them, and find beauty in them, not because they're perfect, but because they're completely their own little thing.



CORONATION IN THE HOUSE OF FLIES

TRUMAN CAPONE / 2025



CORONATION IN THE HOUSE OF FLIES

Oil on canvas | 20 x 24 in. | 2025



TO TELL A FABLE

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TO TELL A FABLE

Oil on canvas | 24 x 30 in. | 2025



HOBBLING OF A SACRED SPAWN

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Oil on canvas | 24 x 30 in. | 2025



ALL THE SMALL THINGS

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Oil on canvas | 24 x 18 in. | 2025



EARTHQUAKE SONG

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Oil on canvas | 24 x 18 in. | 2025



EXHIBITION MUTT

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Cruise Coffee Cafe

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Free and open to the public

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PRESS NOTES

THE WORLD

MUTT presents five self-contained scenes linked by dense foliage, ornate framing and emotionally ambiguous creatures.

THE TENSION

The work repeatedly pairs softness with danger: fur against snakes, flowers against watchful birds, innocence against theatrical threat.

THE FORMAT

Traditional portrait conventions give invented animals the compositional seriousness normally reserved for human sitters.

THE MATERIAL

All five works are oil on canvas and dated 2025.

"I've always identified more with a mutt than a purebred," Capone says. His creatures have no pedigree either: they are not hybrids of known animals, and they belong to no existing myth.

that refuse a single category.

*Five paintings.
One overgrown world.*

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