

HAMILTON HIP HOP PORTRAIT MIX TAPE

Anthony Haley

Charcoal, pastel, chalk and modelling paste on canvas and wood panels

“Hamilton Hip Hop deserves to be recognized in Canadian and North American Hip Hop history and that’s what this series aims to prove. Over the years I’ve had the pleasure of working with some amazing artists and subsequently befriending them within Hamilton’s Hip Hop community.

The culture has allowed me to connect with so many different people, from emcees, DJs, producers, promoters, photographers, B-boys and B-girls from all backgrounds of life. Hip Hop has always brought the people together and this series’ goal is to promote that community and its leaders to those that might not know about them and the community they’re from. Hamilton’s music scene has always produced a high quality of artists and the hip hop community is apart of that. I love Hamilton Hip Hop and am lucky to have been able to add to the culture.”

- Anthony Haley



Portraits of DJ Hi Her / Lady ASG, Mother Tareka and D-Toxx by Anthony Haley

About the Artist:

“A little about me, well I’m an artist born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. Growing up music, pop culture and the arts were always a major part of my life. It was when I went to school that I discovered my love for portraiture. Being able to memorialize a lost loved one or pet, or to immortalize a star or musician and seeing people’s reactions when they see that piece presented to them is an amazing feeling. Art is my life, be it music or visual. I’ve been known to work in comics, illustration, graphic design and murals, but portraiture is my main staple.

I’m a graduate of both OCAD University and MTM School of Animation and Design. I have had the pleasure of having been featured in the Power Plant Gallery Toronto,

Northern Contemporary Gallery Toronto, Hamilton Artists Inc. Gallery, HAVN, Paul Elia Gallery Hamilton, and other local establishments surrounding the Hamilton/Toronto area, as well as Vancouver and Wisconsin, USA. I was also the recipient of the Gold Award for Hamilton Spectator Readers Choice for Best Local Artist and consistently been nominated for the past 6 years.

Over the last ten years I've also been an active member of the Hamilton Hip Hop community. I've had the honor of opening for acts such as Phife Dawg (R.I.P), Smif n' Wessun, Cormega, Classified, Moka Only, Oddisee and more. Under the alias "The Demon", I've made 10+ albums, co-ran the longest running cypher in Hamilton called "Steel Gold" and started putting on my own Hip Hop events under the "Open Season" banner.

So I do a lot, but being creative is all I know and all I want to be."

- Anthony Haley

Find more of Anthony's work at www.arthaley.com and on Instagram @anthonyhaleyart.

HAMILTON HIP HOP PORTRAIT MIX TAPE will be on display in the Anne Foster Windows through October 2021.

The Anne Foster Windows:

As part of the City of Hamilton, Tourism and Culture Division's ongoing support of the creative industries, local artists are invited to create and install window displays that celebrate Hamilton's music scene. This space, the Anne Foster Window, is a fitting home for music themed displays as the entryway lead to the Anne Foster Music shop for almost 50 years (1947-1995).

For more information visit www.hamilton.ca/annefosterwindows

