

*Black Snake Silent* is a concept about decapitating the whispers that slither inside, invisible and unheard by those around us. Death to the poisoning of individual creativity, and independent thinking that infects us with fear to keep us from our unique truth. It is a call for liberation from the venom that snakes its way into our DNA and passes from one generation to the next.

The headdress, made of re-purposed sari silk, was designed and created to represent ancient warriors in ritual ceremony on the eve prior to battle. The placement on a human skull is symbolic of the Flag-Bearer in consecration to an ideal. The 3 black snakes, made of wool fiber, emanate from within an invisible body, the snake-heads placed between the teeth of the skull indicating an end to vulnerability to the venom that stills our voices. The head is placed on a professional microphone stand, the head becoming the microphone itself. This sculpture sits on a fresco painting on wood panel (36x36"), acting as a stage.

