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"STUDY IN BLACK, WHITE, & PURPLE" KITE BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

\$3,980

2020 • United States • Paper, Silk, Bamboo • Collection #CMT199

W: 36.0" D: 2.0" H: 49.0"

Chicago-based artist Michael Thompson creates unique kites crafted from split bamboo frames covered with stretched muslin and a collage of vintage Asian ephemera—including fragments of fabric, scrolls, drawings, and books collected during his travels. In "Study in Black, White, & Purple," Thompson uses the pictorial qualities of traditional calligraphic script for dynamic visual effect. Contrasting lines of text against swathes of purple and inky black, he creates a composition that is captivating and passionate, exploring the tensions between hard and soft, and dark and light. Continued...



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