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"DARK KNIGHT" KITE BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

$5,480

2008 • United States • Paper, Bamboo • Collection #CMT207

W: 39.0″ D: 2.0″ H: 62.0″

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 this kite entitled “Dark Knight," Thompson gives a Japanese calligraphy painting pride of place amidst a collage of pale brown rice paper. The print depicts a Japanese woman in fine dress, concealing her face behind a large comb. Fashioned in the shape of a kimono, the kite itself mirrors the woman's elegant attire, layered fragments giving the illusion of vegetable-dyed silk fabrics. Continued...

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The combination of neutral colors and focused imagery results in an uncluttered composition and sense of calm and serenity.

This kite takes its name from the 2008 film "Batman: The Dark Knight" for which it was created and featured in.

Thompson has earned an international reputation for his kite works, an engrossing project initiated by the artist more than a decade ago.

Split bamboo, muslin, rice paper, mixed materials.