



"POLDER" KITE BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

\$6,880

2020 • United States • Pigment, Bamboo, Muslin, Rice Paper • Collection #CMT228

W: 72.0" D: 2.25" H: 60.25"

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 "Polder," inky panels of teal and indigo leach into the surrounding collage with beautiful irregularity. The cool watercolors saturate the kite with deep blue color, contrasted by a background of yellowed calligraphy pages. At the kite's center is a line of poetry by the Song-era poet Su Shi reading "harmonious time, abundant years," a sentiment conveying notions of peace and prosperity. Continued...



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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, found paper, pigments.



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