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"SAWYER" KITE BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

\$5,680

2024 • United States • Paper, Wood, Bamboo, Fabric • Collection #CMT242

W: 39.0" D: 2.0" H: 52.25"

Based in Chicago, IL, contemporary artist Michael Thompson creates unique kites, collages and mixed media works assembled from material fragments of past and present collected in his travels. His ongoing series of large-scale kites bridge the gap between flat art and sculpture, each crafted of split bamboo frames covered with stretched muslin and a collage of vintage ephemera – including kimonos, obis, paintings, scrolls, drawings, metal leaf, bleeding paper, book pages, or anything with a story to tell.

In this kite entitled "Sawyer," Thompson aligns scraps of found paper, silk, and painted wood board to play with density and color. Continued...



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He positions each fragment to establish balance and careful asymmetry, treating color and texture like physical forms colliding on his canvas. Keeping to a palette of tan, brown, blue and teal, the lively kite evokes imagery of sandy beaches and crashing waters, such as the dune-lined coasts of the Great Lakes region.

"Sawyer," 2024

Michael Thompson

Split bamboo, canvas, found paper, silk, pigments.

