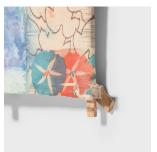
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"NATURE IN HARMONY" KITE BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

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2018 • United States • Paper, Pigment, Bamboo, Fabric • Collection #CMT167 W: 51.0" D: 2.0" H: 34.0"

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 "Nature in Harmony," the frenzied energy of countless layered fragments is calmed by a central panel of free-flowing watercolor. Pages lifted from German and Chinese texts lie tucked beneath panels of graphic, patterned fabrics, all topped by expressive brushwork reminiscent of traditional Chinese calligraphy. Continued...

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Moments of saturation unite these discrete elements in a subtle wash of blue, a chaotic harmony usually only found in nature.

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