

Misako OBA New York, NY

Artist (Mixed media painting, Printmaking, Photography)

* Media for “PAA group exhibition” is Encaustic Mixed Media.

Artist Statement

My work explores human life as a journey, and is a metaphor for our lives. It is both a deep examination of my soul as well as an exploration of universal experiences such as sorrow, loneliness, frustration and confusion/ darkness as well as peace, hope and love/ light – emotions that all humans may face. I have spent much of my career exploring these themes as a photographer, however, more recently I have expanded to mixed media, especially incorporating text.

My latest work with encaustic mixed media involves re-writing the 7th – 13th century Japanese poems in calligraphy. In studying the poems, I realized that people at our modern society suffer from the same issues as ancient people did. It's beyond time and space. In this series, I collage materials from ancient Japan and the 21st century in the U.S., including Williamsport; while at the same time investing my own emotional content. This project, as well as the whole of my artistic work, contrasts the beauty of life with its darker side.

Previous work can be seen at: www.wooloo.org/misako

Or www.misakophoto.com