



Firework "Aqua" - Eternal Moment - 水花火
Masaaki Miyasako, 2023
Four-panel byōbu screen

Firework "Aqua" is an example of Masaaki Miyasako's revival of *urazaishiki*, an ancient Japanese painting style. The artist has used multiple layers of washi paper painted on the reverse side in a pointillist style, using *nihonga* or hand-ground mineral pigments. A 12-feet-long screen, *Firework "Aqua"* is a vision of the fisherman's cast net: a timeless symbol of opportunity and good fortune. Poem by the artist.

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Cast
Again and Again
...
Bounce
Upon the river's surface
Halts time and space
...
Vanishing
Only to appear again
A white firework
...
Suspended
Time and space
Slowly
Begins to move