



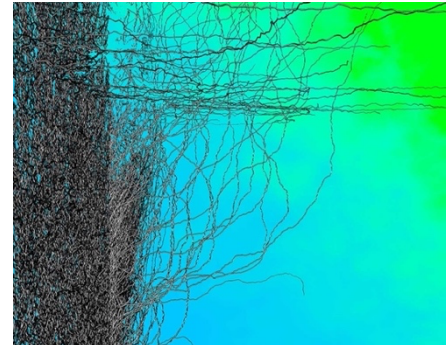
The Fragility of Complex Things

by Joe Merrell

The Institute for Art and Olfaction (IAO) welcomes artist Joe Merrell in his second solo exhibition at the IAO Gallery. *The Fragility of Complex Things* is a multi-modal exhibition featuring scent, video, print and sculptural work.

Known for his examinations into subjects and areas at the edge of human awareness, Los Angeles-based artist Joe Merrell turns his attention inwards and reflects on the individual impact of our ongoing political crises and pandemic.

The Fragility of Complex Things represents a small body of work made during the past two years: video, animation, print, and scent. While the work is, to a large extent, unified thematically (disease, isolation, life, and death), it is also simply a snapshot of an artist's creative endeavors during a time of tremendous upheaval.



On View: May 6 - 29, 2022

Opening Reception: Friday, May 6, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Institute for Art and Olfaction
932 Chung King Road, L.A. CA. 90012
IAO Gallery is accessible by wheelchair.
Directions: artandolfaction.com/visit

WORKS

Campo de la Estrella Azul
Eau de parfum, 30ml/1 fl. oz
2022

Balsam Fir
Eau de parfum, 30ml/1 fl. oz
2022

Untitled
12 x 19" pigment print
2022
Edition of 10

Blood from a Spoon
2 channel synchronized video +
1 unsynchronized optional video channel
2022

Antisyzygy
12 x 12" pigment print
2022

11/24/63 - 1/26/20
Gumball machine, gumballs, preserved
gardenia blossoms, linen cloth
2022



ABOUT JOE MERRELL

Joe Merrell was born in the Pacific Northwest and studied philosophy and history at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, later earning an MFA at California Institute of the Arts in Valencia. Dealing with subjects ranging from the paranormal to the environment, his artwork (video, animation, print, sculpture, and scent) has been exhibited in galleries, museums, and festivals in North and South America, Europe, and (most recently) New Zealand.

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ABOUT IAO GALLERY

The Institute for Art and Olfaction's gallery is devoted to exhibitions, performances, installations and other expressions that make use of or engage with the medium of scent.

Website: artandolfaction.com/exhibitions

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