

AKIHIRO MISAKI





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Akihiro Misaki's practice centers on the creation of evocative, monochromatic worlds that exist somewhere between memory, dream, and reality. Working primarily in lithography, drawing, and artist books, he constructs quiet yet psychologically charged images populated by faceless figures, ordinary objects, and enigmatic landscapes. Rendered in rich black and white tonalities, his compositions balance familiarity with estrangement, inviting viewers into scenes that feel at once deeply personal and universally recognizable. Rather than depicting specific narratives, Misaki creates open-ended images that function as vessels for recollection, allowing viewers to project their own memories, emotions, and associations onto the work.

A recurring concern in Misaki's practice is the fragile boundary between nostalgia and uncertainty. Drawing from images that originate in his imagination, he distills forms and environments to their essential elements, creating visual spaces that are tranquil, contemplative, and occasionally unsettling. His background in traditional Japanese painting and printmaking informs a meticulous attention to atmosphere and composition, while the lithographic process itself lends a tactile depth and subtle richness to his imagery. Across his work, Misaki explores how simple scenes and abstract forms can trigger shared emotional experiences, transforming fleeting impressions into poetic reflections on memory, absence, and the subconscious.

CURRICULUM VITAE

AKIHIRO MISAKI

EDUCATION

2009 BFA, in Nihonga, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan

SOLO EXHIBITION (by selection)

2023 Akihiro Misaki: Kimino Ie, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2023 Akihiro Misaki-ten, Art Space 88, Tokyo, Japan

2021 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Art Space 88, Tokyo, Japan

2020 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition: Mabuta, Shinobazu. Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2019 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition: Monologue, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Junko Museum, Iwate, Japan

2018 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition: Jikan no Katachi, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Akihiro Misaki Lithograph exhibition, Washin Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2015 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Art Space 88, Tokyo, Japan

2014 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Gallery Arai, Hyogo, Japan

2014 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Art Space 88, Tokyo, Japan

2013 Akihiro Misaki Solo exhibition, Gallery Arai, Hyogo, Japan

2011 Solo Exhibition, Bancho Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

GROUP EXHIBITION (By selection)

2023 WINTER GROUP SHOW: TRAVELING, SEIZAN Gallery, New York

2022 Encore show!, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2022 Yohaku/ kou, Bunkamura Box Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2022 E to Kotoba no Chikara, Matsuzakaya Ueno Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2021 BEDTIME STORIES, SEIZAN Gallery, New York

2021 Hanga Ryoko 16, Gallery Morning, Kyoto, Japan

2021 Aruniwa Akichi, Gallery Arai, Hyogo, Japan

2021 Yurikago no Jikan, DELL'ARTE Galleria CICAP, Osaka, Tokyo, Japan

2021 RICH BLACK Exhibition, Bunkamura Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2021 Enpitsuga-ten, Nihombashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan

2020 Hanga Ryoko 15, Gallery Morning, Kyoto, Japan

2020 Little Monster: Itoshiki Monotachi, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2020 60th Shinobazu Chronicle, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2019 Gift 2019: Ichigo Ichie de Arigato, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2019 L'ART VÉRITÉ 12th Lithograph Exhibition, Court Gallery KUNITACHI, Tokyo, Japan

2019 Fukuya 90th Anniversary 2019 Aki no Omotenashi-kai, Fukuya Hachobori, Hiroshima, Japan

2019 Collection I Kindai Bijutsu Selection I Gendai Bijutsu, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Gift 2018: Ichigo Ichie, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2018 G.arai no Ehon Gengaten: Monogatari no Kakeru, Gallery Arai, Hyogo, Japan

2018 Akihiro Misaki & Ko Hanaoka Ninin-ten, Art Space 88, Tokyo, Japan

2017 Gendai Bijutsu Sakka Sakuhinten, Keio department store Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2017 ((((((Animal Maarui)))))) Itsutsu no Short Stories, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2017 Lithograph eno Susume-ten, O Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2017 Nekomamire Usagiya Inurano Temokarite, Shinobazu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2016 The 8th Hangzhou Cultural & Creative Industry Expo, Hangzhou, China

2016 Seisyun-ten, Park Hotel Tokyo Art, Tokyo, Japan

2016 ART NAGOYA, Aichi, Japan

2015 Mukougishi no Yohakuni, Gallery Arai, Hyogo, Japan

2015 Ikeda Masuo to Sinsedai, Shinobazu. Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2011 L'ART VÉRITÉ 10th Lithograph Exhibition, AXIS GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan

AWARDS

2022 Yamashita Yuji Award, NOBUKO Foundation,
The 1st E to Kotoba no Chikara Exhibition

2019 Jury's Special Award: Miki Tetsuo Award,
Awagami International Miniature Print Exhibition

2018 Junko Museum Award, Commemorative Grand Prize Exhibition,
20th Anniversary of Toneyama Koujin Memorial Museum

2016 Nagasaki News Paper Award,
The 15th Minami Shimabara City Seminariyo Print Exhibition

2015 Jury's Special Award, The 60th Anniversary of The CWAJ Print Show



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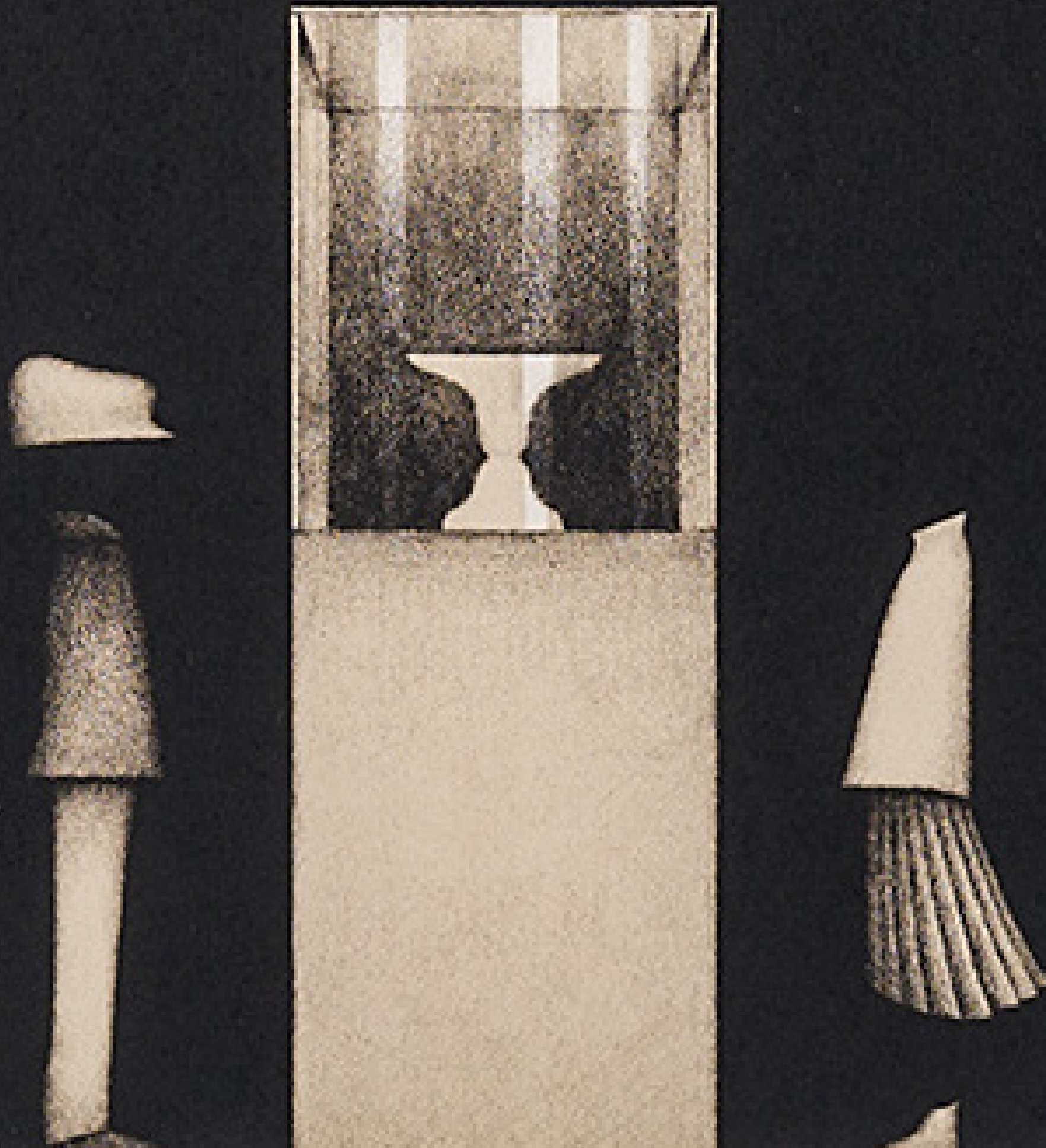
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INSTALLATION VIEW OFF: *SUMMER GROUP SHOW*
JULY 12 - AUGUST 5, 2022



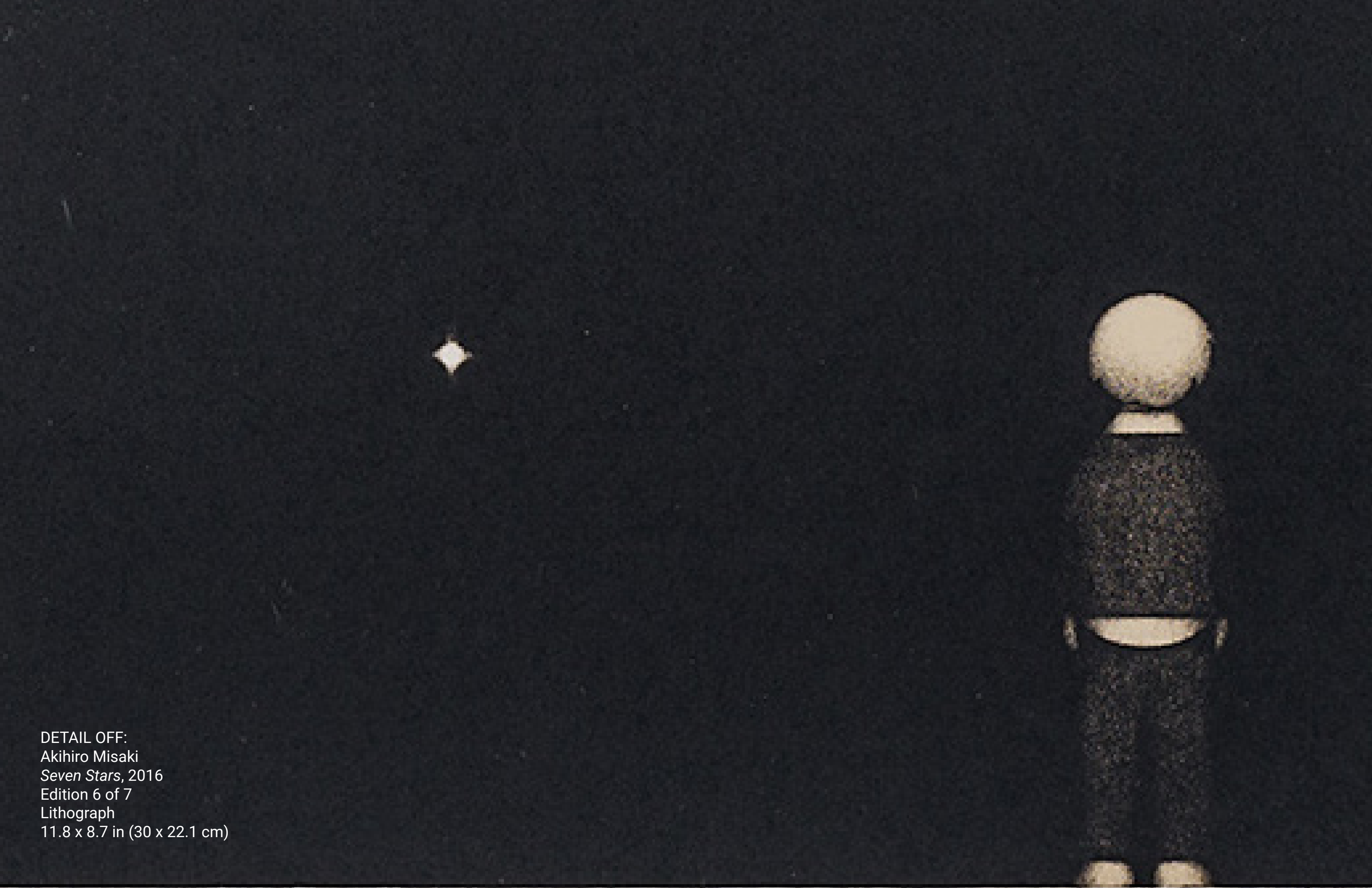
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