Blue Night
Curated by Lance M. Fung

Animal Constellation Coloring Book

Kiki Smith
A Project of the City of Coral Gables, Florida
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The City of Coral Gables announces the commission of a new site-specific artwork by American artist Kiki Smith.

Smith created “Blue Night” as her response to the City of Coral Gables’ request for a new public artwork to be located under the palm tree canopy at Giralda Plaza. After being invited by curator Lance Fung, Smith enthusiastically wanted to continue her investigation of constellations. In exploring human relationships with nature, the artist immediately identified animal constellations as her primary theme with the desire to bring animal images downtown.

“Blue Night” was created from drawings by Smith and is realized as 42 suspended elements which were produced by Fung Collaboratives. The mirrored renderings reflect light through a transparent blue background; holographic vinyl denotes the stars that comprise the actual constellations. As source material, Smith researched and was inspired by the constellation drawings of Johannes Hevelius and others from the late 17th century. Her final selection of renderings is a combination of animal constellations from both hemispheres.
For Marian Fung, Adelyn Beatrice Dean and Charles Allen Dean
The Constellations

Bear (Ursa Major)
Bear (Ursa Minor)
Bee (Apis)
Bird of Paradise (Apus)
Bull (Taurus)
Capricorn
Cat (Felis)
Cetus
Crab (Cancer)
Crow (Corvus)
Dog (Canis Major)
Dog (Canis Minor)
Dogs (Afterion & Chara)
Dolphin (Delphinis)
Dove (Columba)
Dragon (Draco)
Eagle (Aquila)
Flying Fish (Volans)
Fox (Vulpecula)
Giraffe (Camelopardalis)
Hare (Lepus)
Horse (Equuleus)
Lion (Leo Minor)
Lion (Leo)
Lizard (Lacerta)
Lynx
Owl (Noctua)
Peacock (Pavo)
Pegasus
Phoenix
Pisces
Ram (Aries)
Reindeer (Rangifer)
Scorpion (Scorpio)
Snake (Hydra)
Stork (Grus)
Swan (Cygnus)
Thrush (Turdus Solitarius)
Toucan (Tucana)
Unicorn (Monoceros)
Vulture (Lyra)
Wolf (Lupus)
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Lyra
Vulture
Lupus
Wolf
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KIKI SMITH (American, b. 1954, Nuremberg, Germany) has been known since the 1980s for her multidisciplinary work that explores embodiment and the natural world. The body, mortality, regeneration, gender politics, as well as the interconnection of spirituality and the natural world are observed through a postmodern lens. Her expansive practice resonates personally and universally, manifesting in sculpture, glassmaking, printmaking, watercolor, photography, and textile, among other production methods. Drawn to the cogency of repetition in narratives and symbolic representations, much of Smith’s work is inspired by the visual culture of the past, spanning scientific anatomical renderings from the eighteenth century to the abject imagery of relics, memento mori, folklore, mythology, Byzantine iconography, and medieval altarpieces.
Draw Your Own
The sky is a wonderful place to find animals
~Kiki Smith