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# Realm of Wonder: Izumi Yokoyama

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A monumental black ink drawing of a night sky on rice paper and a sculpture of delicate clay cherry blossom create a meditative and immersive art experience in *Realm of Wonder: Izumi Yokoyama,* Denver Botanic Gardens' newest exhibition. Yokoyama's artwork https://www.botanicgardens.org/exhibits/realm-wonder-izumi-yokoyamainvites the viewer to open themselves to wonder and contemplate the relationship between the lasting and fleeting – both in nature and other areas of our lives.

"Izumi Yokoyama's installation in *Realm of Wonder* emphasizes the fleeting beauty of all things, from the seemingly eternal night sky above to rainstorms and fading flowers," says Katie Foster, assistant curator of exhibitions at Denver Botanic Gardens. "This exhibition offers a gentle, restorative space to reflect on how impermanence heightens our experience of precious, beautiful things."

*Realm of Wonder* will be on display in the Freyer – Newman Center's Bonfils-Stanton Gallery from October 3, 2026, to February 7, 2027. The exhibition features two artworks made specifically for the exhibition that are intended to remind visitors of their own experiences in nature.

**About the Artist**

Izumi Yokoyama is a multimedia artist born in Niigata, Japan. Yokoyama is currently based in Taos, New Mexico, where she is an art professor at the University of New Mexico - Taos. Her artistic practice includes ink drawings, immersive installations, murals, calligraphy and collaborative community projects. She has exhibited nationally and internationally, and her work was recently added to the collection of the Harwood Museum of Art in Taos.

Image: Izumi Yokoyama, *So Near and Yet So Far*, ink, 2024.

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About Denver Botanic Gardens: Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2026 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Public Gardens Association, the Gardens has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. The Gardens' Denver location features a 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences– as well as world-class exhibitions, special events, education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Blue Sky Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org