Patterns of Resilience
Holly Wong

Holly Wong's artistic practice is a profound exploration of resilience, healing, and the transformative power of beauty. A San Francisco-based artist with a Master of Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute, Holly has carved a unique space in the contemporary art world. Her work encompasses collaged paintings, intricate fibre installations, and drawings that blend profound personal narratives with universal themes of pain, recovery, and reclamation.

Having participated in over 100 exhibitions, Holly's pieces have graced esteemed venues such as the de Young Museum, the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Contemporary Jewish Museum. Represented by galleries across the United States, including SLATE Contemporary Gallery in Oakland, ELLIO Fine Art in Houston and Bridgette Mayer Gallery in Philadelphia, Holly's work continues to resonate deeply with audiences.

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Anchored in History, Inspired by Personal Loss

Holly's work is deeply rooted in artistic traditions like the Pattern and Decoration movement, second-wave feminist art, and California's Light and Space movement. Yet, it is her personal history that truly shapes her creations. The loss of her mother to alcoholism and domestic violence is a poignant undercurrent in her practice, driving Holly to create works that memorialise her mother while offering healing spaces for others who have endured violence.

Holly's artistry is an act of bearing witness. She seeks to reclaim the female body and honour the indomitable human spirit through the vibrancy of patterns, the softness of fabrics, and the interplay of light. Her work is a testament to the power of creating beauty amidst brokenness.

Body of Light, 2023

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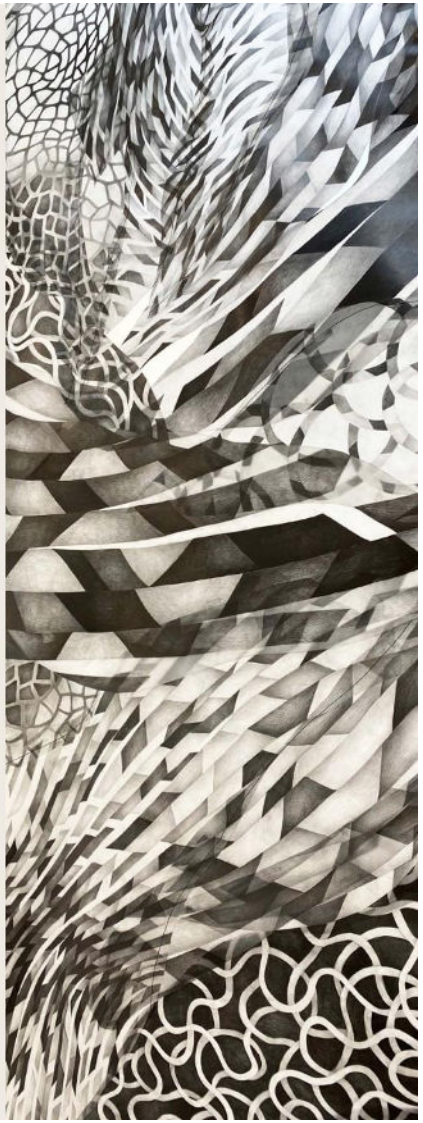
A Window Into Holly's Multidisciplinary World

For this feature, Holly proposes an article showcasing her artistic practice's diversity and depth. From her striking 2D collaged paintings and drawings to her multidisciplinary fibre installations, this exploration will illuminate the conceptual underpinnings of her work. With her weaving of personal narratives, historical references, and bold visual experiments, Holly Wong invites readers into a world where art serves as a bridge between pain and healing, and light emerges from the darkest shadows

Phoenix, 2021



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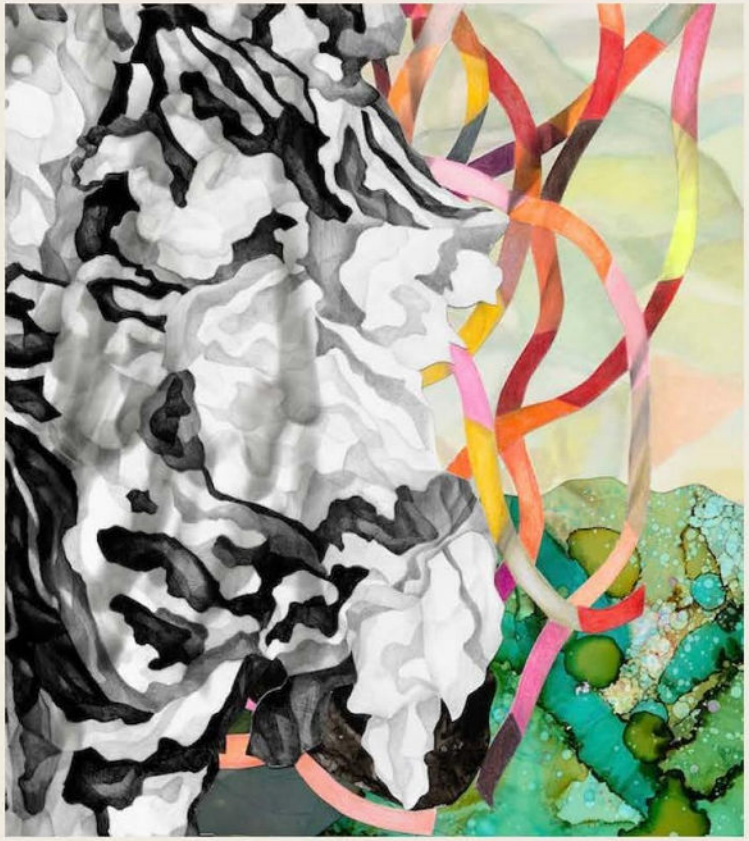

Amulet 2 (Detail), 2024

Amulet 3 (Detail), 2024

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