Isao Miura

The Spirit of Japanese Water

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By Isao Miura

In memory of Ken Kiff

ICE HOUSE GALLERY, Holland Park, London, W11
Saturday 21st July – Sunday 5th August 2001

With special thanks to the Japan 2001 Committee and the Japanese Embassy London.

In this exhibition Isao Miura is at work recreating some of the mystery and magic of Water in a Japanese context.

We know the sound of a Japanese garden with Water trickling down bamboo pipes. We may have noticed the wet stones and rocks covered with moss. We may have heard of the Tea Ceremony. But to enter the strange life of Water-carriers and rain dances, to witness the rituals of a dawn Tea Ceremony, is to step into another world.

In preparation for the exhibition, Isao Miura went back to Japan and drew Water from the Kiyomasa well in the Meiji Shrine. Now, he is the Water-Carrier, sitting on a tatami-mat surrounded by his utensils, his secret garden. He offers you a drink. On the walls, his paintings take you on a journey to the spiritual heart of Japan.

"Isao Miura's work somehow recovers the Japanese influences that have suffused the work of European artists."

Mick Goggin, Art Service, Leighton House Museum

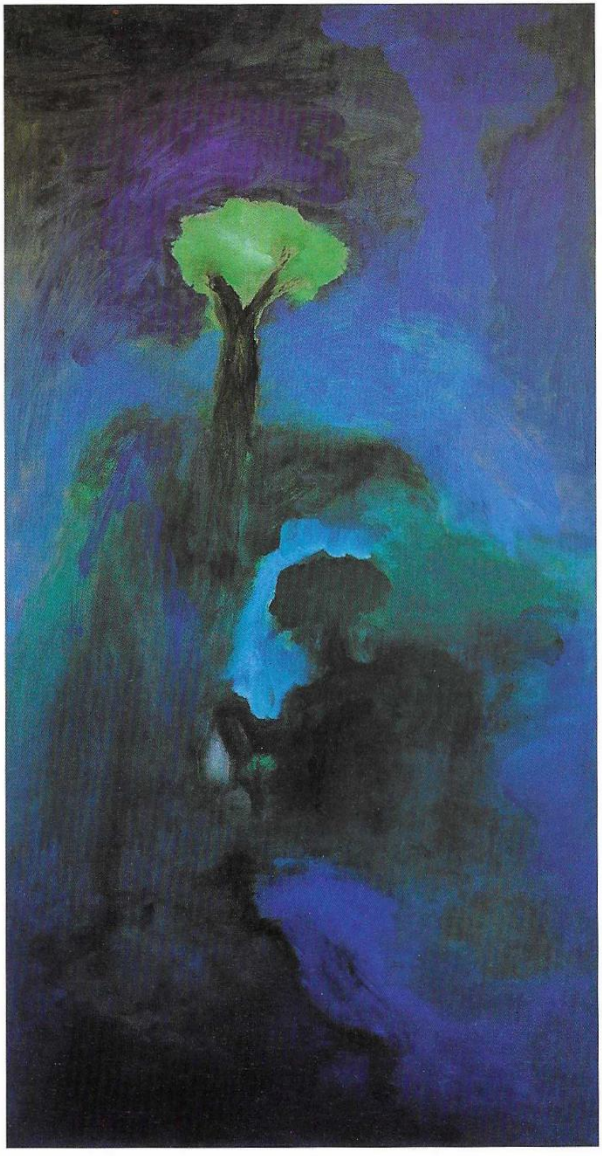
"Isao Miura is exploring the role of cultivator and his relationship with nature and the modern world, the need for man to live in harmony with nature."

David Morris, Insight Japan

Installation: Water I

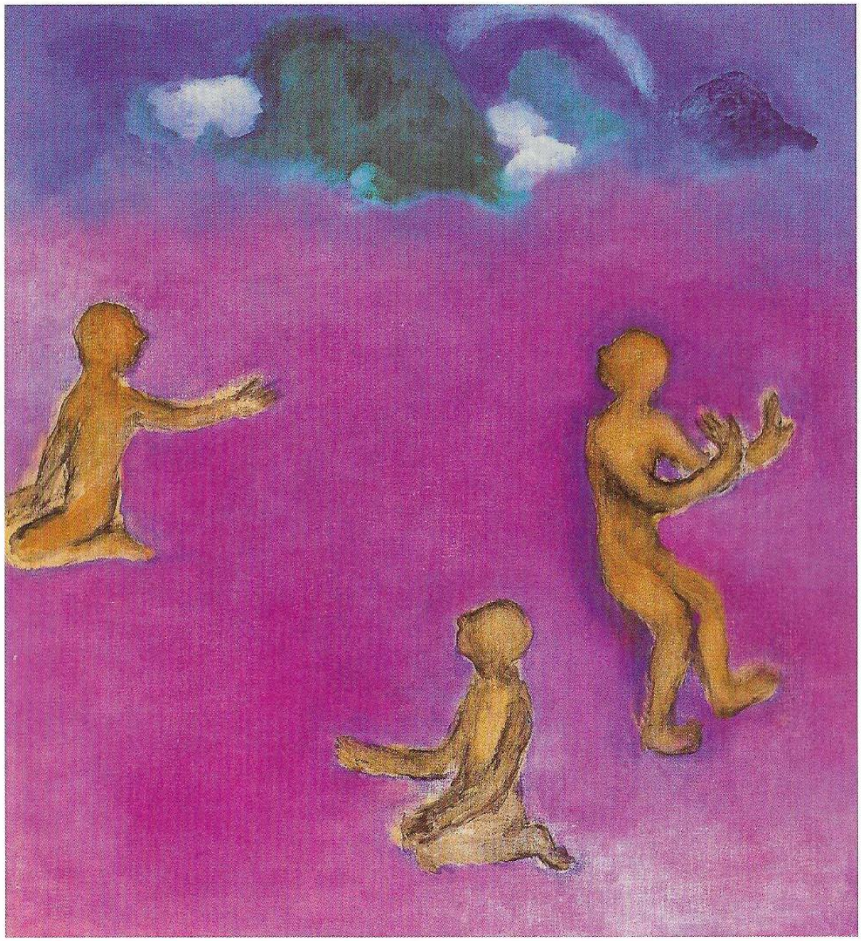
Installation: Water II

Installation: Water III



The Spring

Sleeping by the Horse



Two Men and Clouds

CATALOGUE

Installation

1. Water I
2. Water II
3. Water III

Paintings

4. The Spring, 2001
   Oil on canvas, 58" x 30"
5. The Yellow Tree, 2001
   Oil on canvas, 31" x 30.5"
6. Sleeping by the Horse, 2001
   Oil on canvas, 21" x 21"
7. Rain Dance, 2001
   Oil on canvas, 45" x 41"
8. Two Men and Clouds, 2001
   Oil on canvas, 30.5" x 31"

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Education

1984-85	Heatherley School of Art, London
1985-88	Chelsea School of Art, London, BA
1988-90	Royal College of Art, London, MA

Selected Exhibitions

1987	Landscape Painters, London Institute
1989	"Arbeiten auf Papier": Galerie Zur Alten Deutschen Schule, Thun, Switzerland, BBRK Art Directors Gallery, London, RCA Painting Exhibition, Henry Moore Gallery, London
1990	International Contemporary Art Fair, Olympia, London, Galerie Zur Alten Deutschen Schule, Thun Switzerland
1991	Art Miami 1991 International Exposition, ICAF Olympia, London
1992	Art Miami 1992 International Exposition
1994	Gallery 7, Hong Kong
1996	Heatherley School of Art 150th Anniversary Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
1997	Chelsea Centre Theatre, London
1998	Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, Touring Exhibition in Japan, Nagano Winter Olympics International Competition, Ice House Gallery, Holland Park, London
1999	One man show: Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, Regent's Park, London

Public Collection

1990	Royal College of Art, London

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