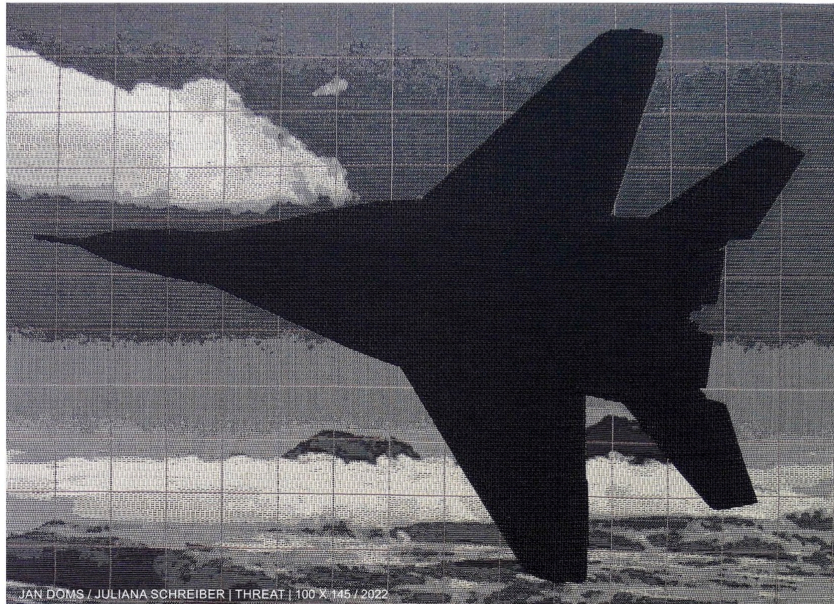




WISDOM KEEPERS:

Living Symbols of the Armenian Highlands



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An irresistible force compels you, step by step, stone by stone, breath by breath, through superhuman effort and devotion, to separate yourself from the rules of the world and ascend toward the rocky slopes of unreachable mountains, where clouds drift in surrender to the silence of stone, where waters wash away the names of the winds, and where time vanishes.

The path upward — hopeless yet certain — in your eyes, spirals between blue windows, shapes new worlds within you. Worlds that are destined to become symbols of being, not of achieving.

At the summit, between breath and stone, memory and becoming, ascent and disappearance, between the mountains and the sea, you suddenly cry out from the pain of self-revelation — the pain that marks the fact of your encounter with the Vishapaqar (dragon stone).

The Vishapaqars — silent and proud — do not call, yet they wait; do not speak, yet they remember; do not shine, yet they blind with their humility. Sometimes standing, sometimes bowed and broken, sometimes buried and invisible — but always there, between the sky and the earth: timeless.

There, above, at the edge of the impossible, the Vishapaqars do not respond — they simply exist, becoming a threshold, a doorway to the possibility of our being.

You stand before the Vishapaqar, and an incorporeal dialogue begins.

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And Your name

And Your place

And Your color

The sky

And my love

And Your shadow

And the stones

And the clouds and the winds

And My fear

My longing

And Your call

And Your strength

And Your gaze

And Your presence

My soul

And Your memory

And my memory

And Your silence

And my heart

Your warmth and your coldness

Your wisdom

And the winds

And the rivers

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Open the door, enter Can you?

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