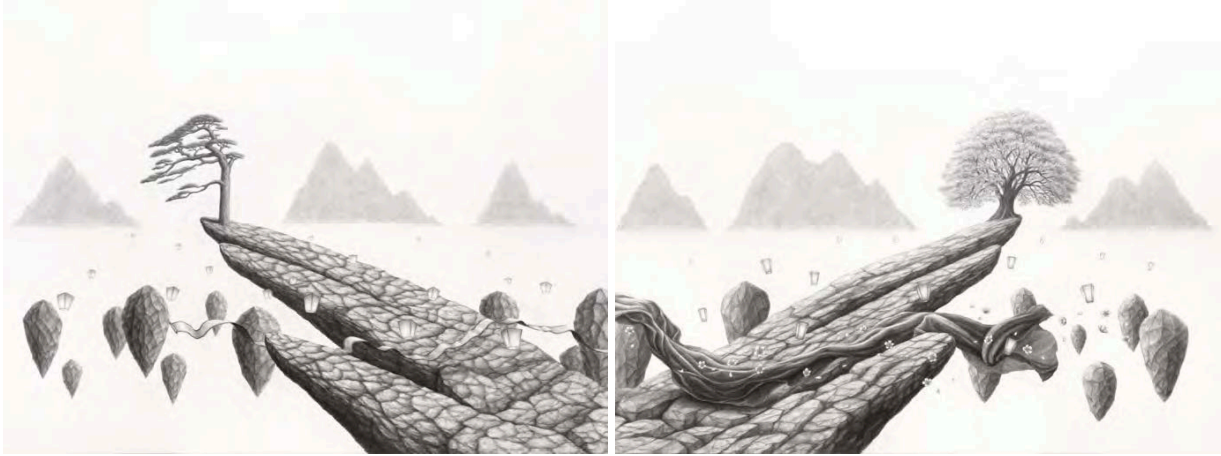


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Enduring Summer

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Charcoal, Pencil and Acrylic on Canvas

H 76.2 cm x 101.4 cm



Huangshan Pine (*Pinus hwangshanensis*)

A lone Huangshan pine, perched on a rock outcrop resembling a human hand. In contrast to the sakura, which represents the fleeting nature of life, the evergreen Huangshan pine symbolises longevity, vitality, endurance, self-discipline and perseverance in the face of adversity, as evidenced by the fantastic forms the tree takes on in response to challenging weather and growing conditions in the natural environment. The coniferous species tends to be found on steep cliffs, alpine peaks and steep ravines, taking root in rocks. Viewed in the context of the myriad challenges posed to its natural environment, the Huangshan pine embodies the indomitable will of nature to adapt and survive in the face of adversity. Chinese sky lanterns, which are often released with wishes inscribed on them, represent the hope of persevering against the odds and the will to keep moving forward.