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THE INDELIBLE GARDEN: PRINTS BY TAIKO CHANDLER

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Born and raised in the mountains of Nagano, Japan, Taiko Chandler's organic and abstract forms recall her memories of the wild forests near her hometown, her father's garden and her mother's Ikebana floral arrangements. Delicate, undulating and layered prints on paper and large-scale Tyvek installations combine shape, color, line and texture drawn from natural forms. *The Indelible Garden: Prints by Taiko Chandler* is on view in the Freyer – Newman Center's Kemper Family Gallery on December 11, 2021 – April 3, 2022. The exhibition is included with the Gardens' general admission.

Chandler's style of printmaking is experimental and intuitive. Beginning with ink on plexiglass, she creates prints of densely layered shapes and colors. For her installation work, she prints on Tyvek and cuts away the negative spaces, creating partially transparent plant-like forms that grow into complex forests of patterns and shapes.

Originally trained as a nurse in Japan and now based in Denver, Chandler works primarily in printmaking and site-specific installation art. Her work has been exhibited in Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, as well as at numerous print fairs throughout the U.S. Her work is in private and public collections in the U.S. and Japan, including the Denver Art Museum, Cleveland Clinic Art Program, University of Colorado Denver Business school and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (NY). Chandler is represented by SPACE Gallery, Denver.

Images: (Left) Taiko Chandler, *Undulating #1* (detail), cut and assembled monotype print on Tyvek, 2019. (Right) Taiko Chandler, *Imprint #3*, monotype with carborundum, 2021.

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