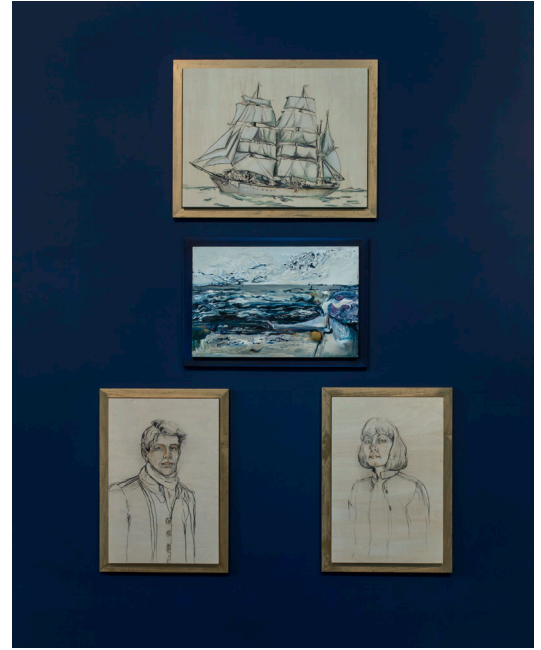


BLUE HAIKU

Inspired by April Street's installation, *The Mariners' Grand Staircase (Armoured Stars, Flying Clouds)*



Park Projects: April Street, *The Mariners' Grand Staircase (Armoured Stars, Flying Clouds)*, 12 paintings with accompanying sound. Installation view, Santa Barbara Museum of Art (2018).

A haiku is a poem consisting of only three lines and is made up of a five-seven-five syllable structure. Haikus often features an image, or a pair of images, meant to depict the essence of a specific moment in time, like a snapshot.

Artist April Street's installation, *The Mariners' Grand Staircase (Armoured Stars, Flying Clouds)*, uses a deep dark marine blue as both background and frame. Why do you think she chose blue?

Blue is a cool color, associated with water and the sky. Blue is also used to describe a sad or melancholy mood as in "I felt so blue when my best friend moved away."

Thinking about the color blue and the feelings it brings to the surface, write a 5-7-5 syllable haiku that expresses your associations with that color; what it makes you feel or think of, or a description of something blue.

TRADITIONAL HAIKU STRUCTURE

- There are only three lines, totaling 17 syllables.
- The first line is 5 syllables.
- The second line is 7 syllables.
- The third line is 5 syllables like the first.
- Punctuation and capitalization are up to the poet, and need not follow rigid rules used in structuring sentences.

STUDENT EXAMPLE

The beautiful sea
Lightning shooting from the sky
It makes you happy