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A WELL-CHOOSEN ART PIECE GIVES A ROOM ITS CHARACTER AND MAKES IT YOUR UNIQUE PLACE.

The modern world is not perfect, but it is no use sitting on the couch complaining. In recognition of those who contributed themselves to creating a better environment for the human race, California-based American painter Lee Waisler is presenting a series of moving portraits of historical and contemporary figures in About Faces, his second solo exhibition in Hong Kong.

In this latest series, he portrayed a global group of iconic individuals that span cultures and disciplines. These include Albert Einstein, Ieoh Ming Pei, Eileen Chang, Marilyn Monroe, Franz Kafka, Liu Xiaobo, Virginia Woolf, Zhang Yimao and more. Having practiced abstraction for decades, Waisler returned to figuration full-force six years ago, making what he calls “dimensional portraits.”

The same approach was taken for this series as he combined strips of wood and blocks of color to create finely nuanced faces and figures.

He layered his canvases with thick pigments, followed by the addition of organic materials that hold symbolic value: sand for time, wood for life, and glass for light, which ultimately resulted in impactful, tactile study of the faces of great cultural figures.

The range of materials Waisler incorporates conveys dynamism in form and texture, reflecting his deep empathy for the human spirit.

ABOUT FACES

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