

"Murmuration" is a response to the emotional turmoil I found myself in following my father's sudden death five years ago. Starlings begin their murmurations when they perceive a threat in their immediate environment, and my father's death disrupted my sense of safety and comfort in the world, forcing me to accept my own mortality. This led me to a sort of reawakening, where I found myself looking back and examining my life, confronting issues that I had compartmentalized and tucked away into little spaces, buried deep in my psyche, their effects bubbling to the surface unbidden. This work explores how our recollections are colored and distorted by our own perspective and often clouded by emotions. We are continually influenced by those close to us, swooping and moving in and out like starlings in their murmuration flights, trying to figure out the dance of survival, following the cues of our loved ones. Trying to go through the ebbs and flows of life, knowing that there is an inherent tension between what we remember and what really happened, leading to a fractured feeling where the whole truth seems unknowable. Where grief steals up on you like a predator in the night, the sorrow washing over you as you try to find solace in memories and dreams.