



The Universe in a Grain of Salt

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Primary Maker

Alyson Shotz

Medium

Suite of four salt print photograms within a portfolio case with colophon

Description

The artist, Alyson Shotz, says of this series: "I've always been intrigued by the photographic process - each grain of silver making up an image that we recognize as a representation of reality. It's a two-dimensional image made up of very tiny three-dimensional grains. I was interested in experimenting with the salt process because salt is also crystalline in structure. Salt is such an iconic element and is essential for life itself. When thinking about the salt process, I wondered about making salt the subject of the imagery by using it as the medium. The many grains are like stars in the sky and the crystalline structure reflects and refracts light. In these photographs, the grains of salt become galaxies in the universe.

Working in the dark room, it seems possible to visit the far reaches

of the universe through the humble means of salt scattered on paper." (SOURCE: The *f/Ø* Project website, <http://www.f-zero-project.com/alyson-shotz.html>, accessed May 2019)

Dimensions

Sheet (each, approximately): 17 × 14 in. (43.2 × 35.6 cm) Overall (portfolio case): 22 × 17 3/8 × 1/4 in. (55.9 × 44.1 × 0.6 cm)