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Video art / Painting Video 8 minutes

Imam's Speech: Acrylic on canvas Painting Size: 73 x 40 inches

The painting and the video face each other. The video is displayed on a small TV on the ground.
This work was displayed in Mahady Gallery/ Marywood University 2017

My hometown is a small city in north Iraq called Duhok. The numbers of the mosques in Duhok are equivalent to the elementary schools. Friday is the religious speech day in Duhok. Each mosque has several voices amplifiers on top of the building. The sound of the speeches that come from each mosques intersects with each other consequently it is hard to understand it the speech.

The Imam, who gives the speech, has a higher place from the people inside the mosque. His voice reaches miles outside of the mosques through the amplifiers. Everybody sits down on the ground and listens to the Imam very carefully. Nobody is allowed to speak or express disagreement during the speech.

Those images of a highly regarded person and his voice every Friday vibrate in my head and my memories.

I smuggled the video into a mosque in PA to recreate my childhood when I was in submission state for the Imam's power.

Video Editing: Alex Weidner

A Shot of the Video playing on small TV in front of the big painting on the opposite side



A shot of the show



