## W R I G H T G A L L E R Y

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Wright Gallery at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, presents "Pilgrimage of Light," a photography exhibition by Houston-based artist Mark Chen. The artist's solo exhibition will be on view from January 28th, 2025 – March 6th, 2025. An artist talk will take place on Thursday, March 6th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., with a closing reception to immediately follow from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Chen explores the conceptual link between the geological age of landscapes and distances of galaxies. For his photography, the artist projects star imagery from space organizations such as NASA, onto remote landscapes in national parks using novel projection techniques. Chen documents his journeys to hard-to-reach landscapes in blogs on his artist website. He describes that, "he invents and repurposes tools as he pushes media boundaries, devising new processes that make possible the executions of his concepts." The photographs in the series, *Pilgrimage of Light*, highlight the contrast between the earth and vastness of space.

Wright Gallery is in Langford Architecture Center's building and is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:45 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. To learn more about the Wright Gallery, please visit <a href="https://www.arch.tamu.edu/inside/services/wright-gallery/">www.arch.tamu.edu/inside/services/wright-gallery/</a>.



Mark Chen, "Arp 273 on Coconimo Sandstone, below South Rim, Grand Canyon." Date captured 08/04/2024. Laminated inkjet print mounted on dibond. 43 x 43 inches.

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