

mnemosyne's
scent





the ocean

The scent of the ocean brings back fond memories of my family's many holiday trips to resorts and islands over the years. Since young, I have always loved watching oceanic documentaries and being in the ocean, and it was even my childhood ambition to become a marine biologist. Unfortunately, family trips to oceanic places have become less present in my life, causing my yearn to once again be surrounded by the ocean.

In my sculpture, the scent is represented by the milky, smooth sphere, supposedly encompassing the entire sculpture. The representation symbolises my said desire for the positivity that the ocean gives me, to once again, take over my life.

alcohol

On the other hand, the smell of alcohol sends me through a whirlwind of bad experiences.

My hatred for alcohol started when I was young, growing up with an alcoholic father. Though nothing major has happened, it's never nice to grow up seeing your supposed role model encompass what you have perceived as bad. And to add on to my already existing hatred for alcohol, I was followed by a drunk man twice during my first parentless trip to South Korea back in 2014. Sure wasn't a pleasant experience.

In contrast to the smooth representation of the ocean are these twisted curves ending in spikes, to show how the scent of alcohol is both lingering yet spiking to the nose at the same time. The spikes are also to show the negative feelings that alcohol gives me. Dirty yellow, dried glue is used to coat these spikes to give them a rough texture as well as a dirty appearance.



the sculpture

The entire sculpture is based on my present life and desires in regards to the scents.

I desire for the ocean to overwhelm me.

Unfortunately, the alcohol still remains more present in my life.

Represented in the sculpture, the spikes appear to burst through the smooth sphere, showing how it's forbidding my desires from coming through at present.





from below

It is also evident from the bottom that the ocean is unable to cover me up, due to the large presence of the alcohol. We can also observe the difference in textures of the two scents.