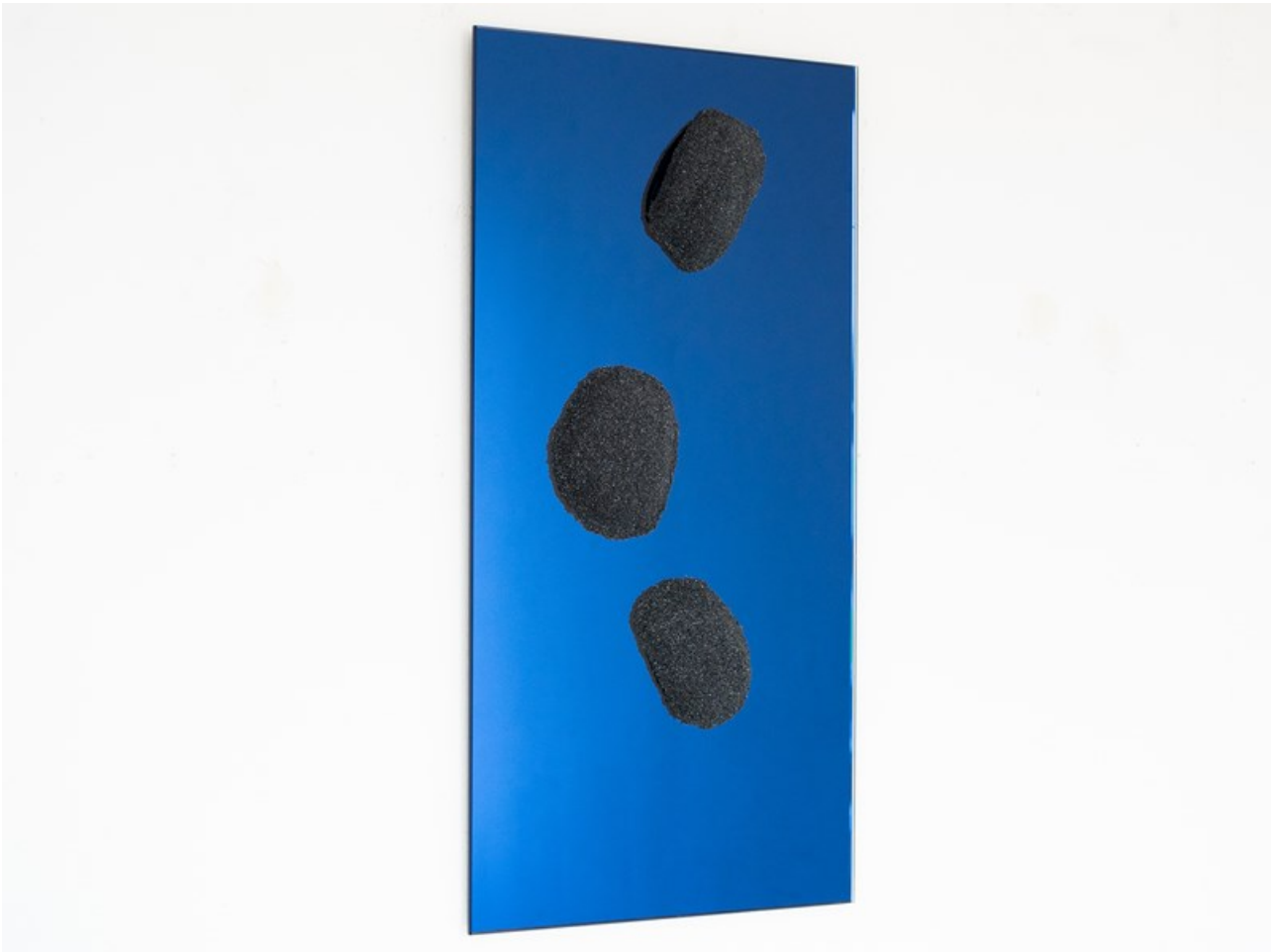


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## ROOT GALLERY



Islands in the sky I

60 X 30 cm silicon carbide on blue mirror 2024

Islands In The Sky invites viewers into a state of expansive introspection, where thoughts drift and transform, mirroring the mind's journey during extreme endurance cycling. Each piece captures moments from nights spent on endless roads, where fatigue blurs the boundaries between reality and imagination. The black mineral bubbles, against a deep blue background, symbolize the hallucinations and dream-like visions that emerge when the mind plays tricks after hours of riding, hiking, and navigating in the dark.

The mineral textures reference a cosmic essence, subtly hinting at materials with origins as old as the stars. They represent the surreal and almost otherworldly encounters one experiences in the midst of a physically demanding journey. Islands In The Sky encapsulates these rare, reflective spaces where one feels both disoriented and deeply alive, as if crossing the threshold between earth and sky.