

Artist: Belle Baker.

Described by: Michele Bailey.

Title: Deep Blue.

Medium: rock, glass, wood.

Description: This work, titled "Deep Blue," is 18 ½ inches wide by 14 inches high and is 2 inches deep. It is made of wood, mirror, painted rock, lights, miscellaneous plastic fish and plant form items.

The work is a rectangular shaped box representing a tropical fish environment, similar to a fish tank. The interior edges of the box have been painted in ocean blues and blacks, and are bordered with tiny blue lights that shine a watery blue light onto the scene.

The viewer's primary focus is drawn to the largest fish near the center of the box. This pastel colored fish is painted on rock and is facing right. Its belly, sides, and fins are a bright yellow and its sides are orange and blue.

Suspended above the large fish from clear fishing lines are two other smaller fish also made from painted rock. One is a yellow-orange color with thick black vertical stripes extending from its head to tail. The other is much smaller, and has a green belly and top, with a white and yellow dotted side.

On the bottom right side of the box are two tiny orange plastic fish with black tiger-like angled stripes extending from the top of their prominent fins down their sides. These fish are about the size of a quarter, and are swimming in the opposite direction of the central fish. On the bottom of the box one can see a scattering of white, brown and purple sea shells of varying sizes, shapes and varieties.

There is a small yellow and orange plastic turtle in the bottom left corner too, and a gray plastic stingray fish in the right corner. The fish are swimming among various plastic coral plants including lace-like coral and long leafy green plants.