

**Scrutiny of Heroes** unfolded like the examination of a pure and ageless 'element'. Heroism is a perception, developed in the mind of another. It is bestowed upon an individual with integrity that would not be matched by simply claiming the title. An act of heroism is motivated by belief in a cause; conviction in a greater logical purpose or intention.

The driving desire to be seen as a hero in the eyes of another dictates that battlefields, both literal and symbolic, hold perpetual attraction. These works examine the balance between offering and accepting the gift of heroism.