



## Seeking Light

**Yongjun Wang** | 56 cm x 35 cm, watercolor painting

The figure in the artwork displays how irises blacken the eyes. However, vision is represented by the light, which is sought by the figure in the painting. In the vast dark night of heavy life, the eye is the only light to find the light of hope. Broken eyes refracted like shards of glass in the dark background are represented. Oriental traditional line-drawing eyes symbolize the historical eyes shining like stars in the sky. Candlelight is the symbol of the flickering fire of life in the distance. The eyes are hidden in the depths of the face, in the depths of life, exploring the eternal hope of mankind.

Yongjun Wang graduated from the Department of Fine Arts of Yunnan Art University, China. He is an academician in Qujing Medical College. His artworks have been selected for many domestic and foreign exhibitions. This painting represents the search for light that happens when the eye is affected by disease.

*Description by Jorge L. Alió*

The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, Journal of Refractive Surgery Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each cover of the Journal of Refractive Surgery features paintings that were submitted to this competition. **"Miradas" is sponsored by OPHTEC BV, The Netherlands.** For more information, contact [www.fundacionalio.com](http://www.fundacionalio.com)

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