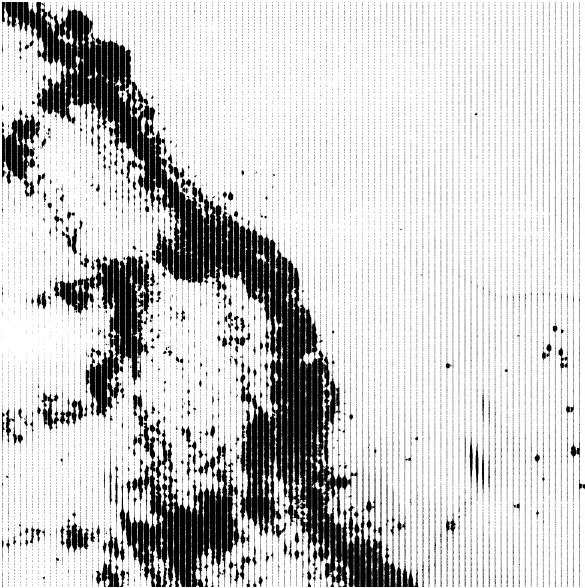


## Press Release

### Kumo - *Three Tigers*



3 track EP  
Download only  
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<https://kumo.bandcamp.com/album/three-tigers>

Exclusive artwork by Sayako Sugawara

According to Chinese tradition the year of the tiger began on 1st of February 2022. I was teaching a Tai Chi lesson that night and we celebrated the new year. One student asked what to expect in the year of the tiger and I answered "war". To my horror it appears I was right. Yet there are many tigers. A tiger is not only an adversary, it can also be a defender. It can be the strength inside you to overcome problems, it can be big, beautiful and calm.

These three tracks, named and derived from Tai Chi forms, use ancient Chinese harmony to explore different aspects of the tiger, and our relationship to this magnificent and dangerous beast, that, once respected and understood, can be as powerful a force for peace and reconciliation as a harbinger of war.

#### 1. *Tiger Lies Down*

The notes of the *Jue* mode suggest the warmth of Spring and the dappled light of the forest; enough to encourage the tiger to pull in his claws and rest.

#### 2. *(Retreat To) Ride Tiger*

Tigers are not accustomed to passengers. First retreat, revisiting skills and methods, sit back, keep your balance and enjoy the ride. The tiger knows the way.

#### 3. *Carry Tiger To The Mountain*

Relentlessly pushing up through the tree line, beyond the clouds to the summit, the tiger retains his stripes, his teeth, his claws.

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