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Cover:  
Manhattan from Red Hook 2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm

The Proud Archivist is pleased to present NEW YORK: A BOLD STATE OF MIND the first solo exhibition of recent work from London based artist, Cosmo Spens. Cosmo has spent the last 20 years working across Film, TV, Graphic design and digital media.

As well as London, he has lived and worked extensively in both Paris and New York, the latter which, after living in Manhattan's lower East side with his family, formed one of the core inspirations to his recent series of works in charcoal.

Ten of these works will form part of the exhibition.

## NEW YORK: A BOLD STATE OF MIND

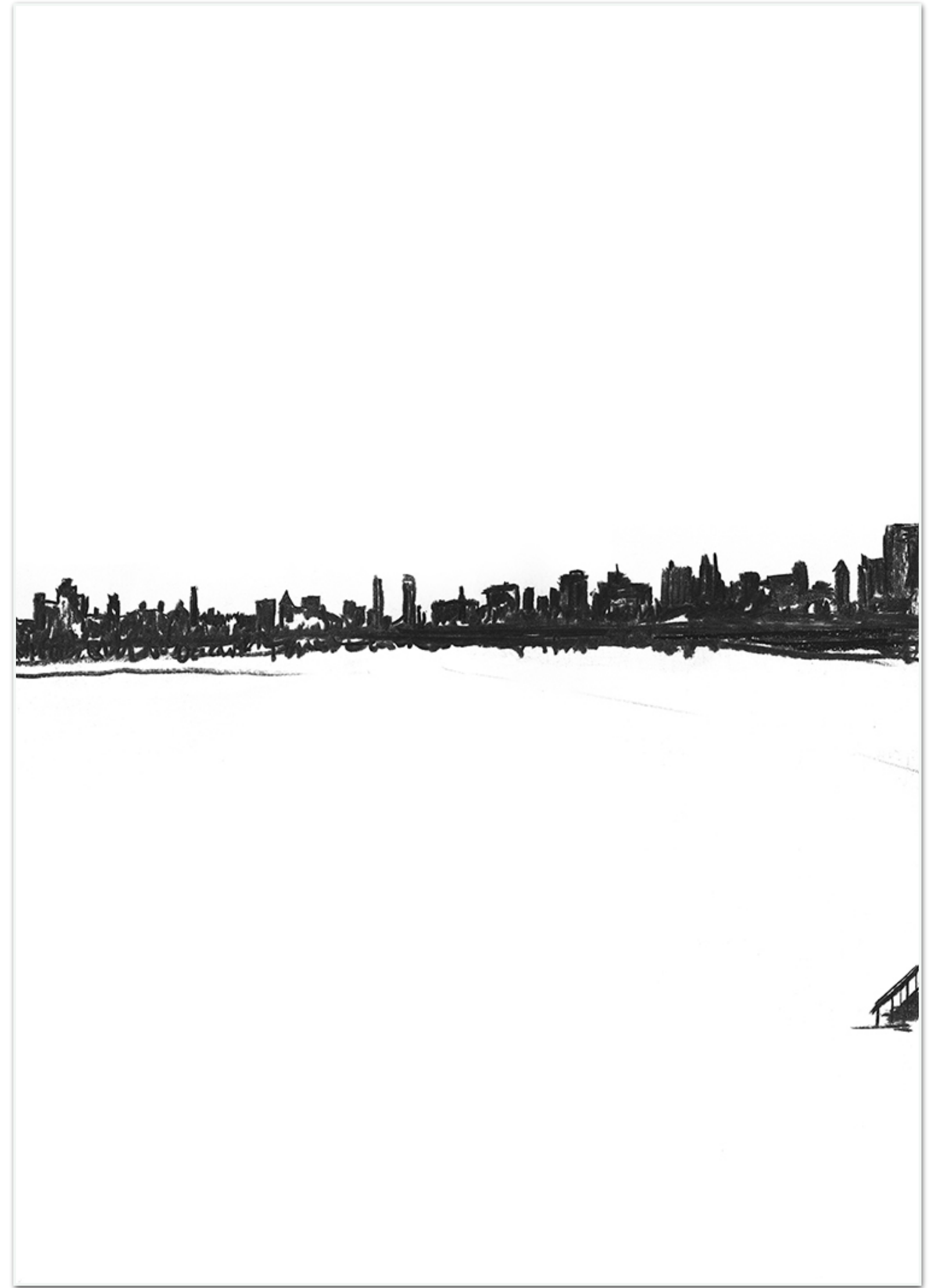
William Boyd once said the true route to happiness is a life filled with 'contrasts'. This could not be more true with my time living in Avenue B, East Village, New York. This is a City filled with contrasts. There is no middle ground. It is black or white. Love or hate. Guilty or innocent. Rich or poor. Sink or swim. There is 'no comfortably numb' here. The City carries you off to either extreme.

Inspired to capture the City in a series of artworks, charcoal seemed the most appropriate medium to reflect this wonderful melting pot of contrasts. The black on white and the soft and hard texture of the charcoal create a vivid effect of contrasts and shapes that captures the bold state of mind that is New York.

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# Central Park, Winter

2015 charcoal on paper 59.4 x 42 cm



# Manhattan from Staten Island

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm





# Broadway, downtown

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm





# Downtown from Empire State

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm





# Manhattan from Red Hook

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.7 cm





# Midtown

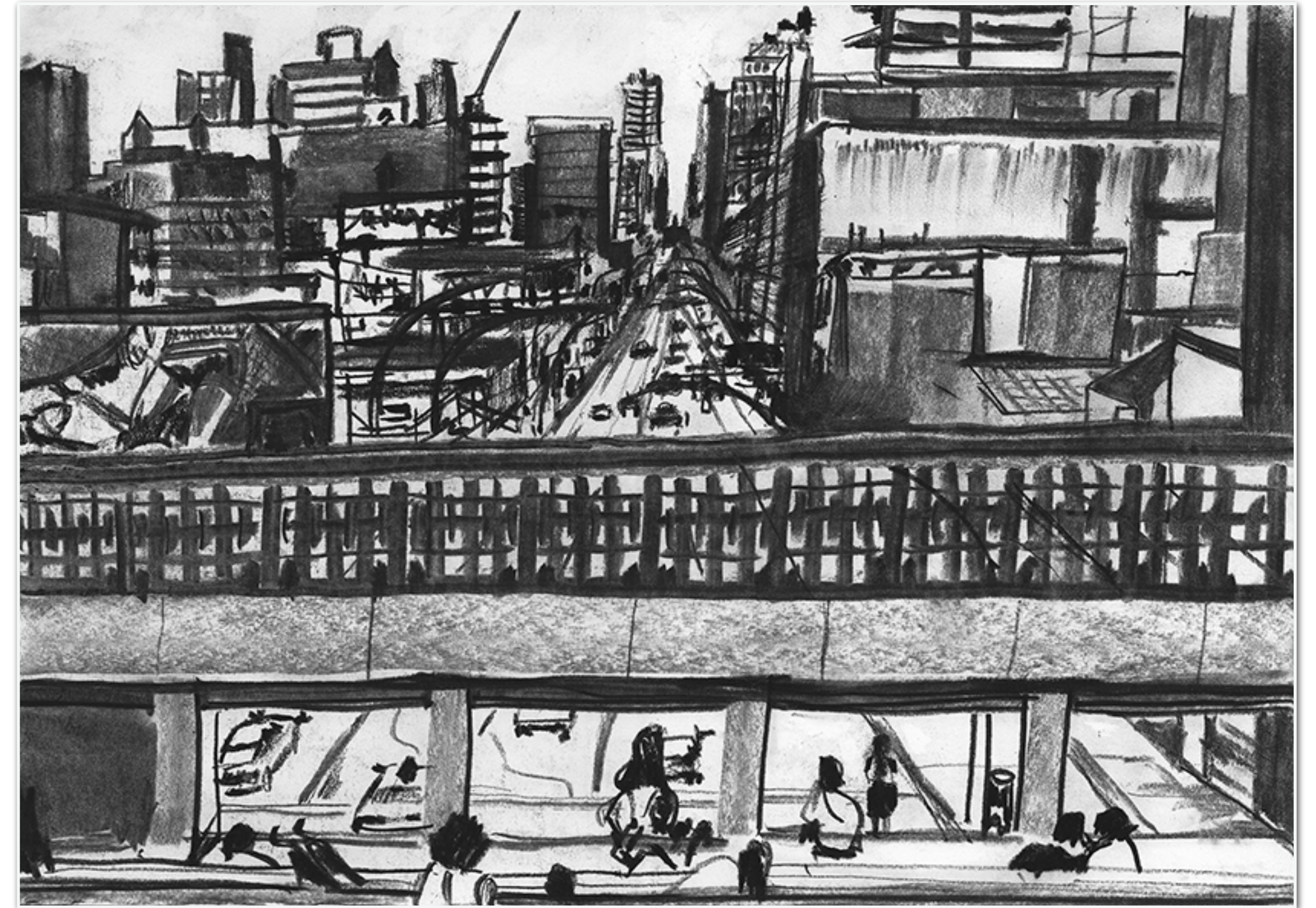
2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm





# Hi Line

2015 charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 cm





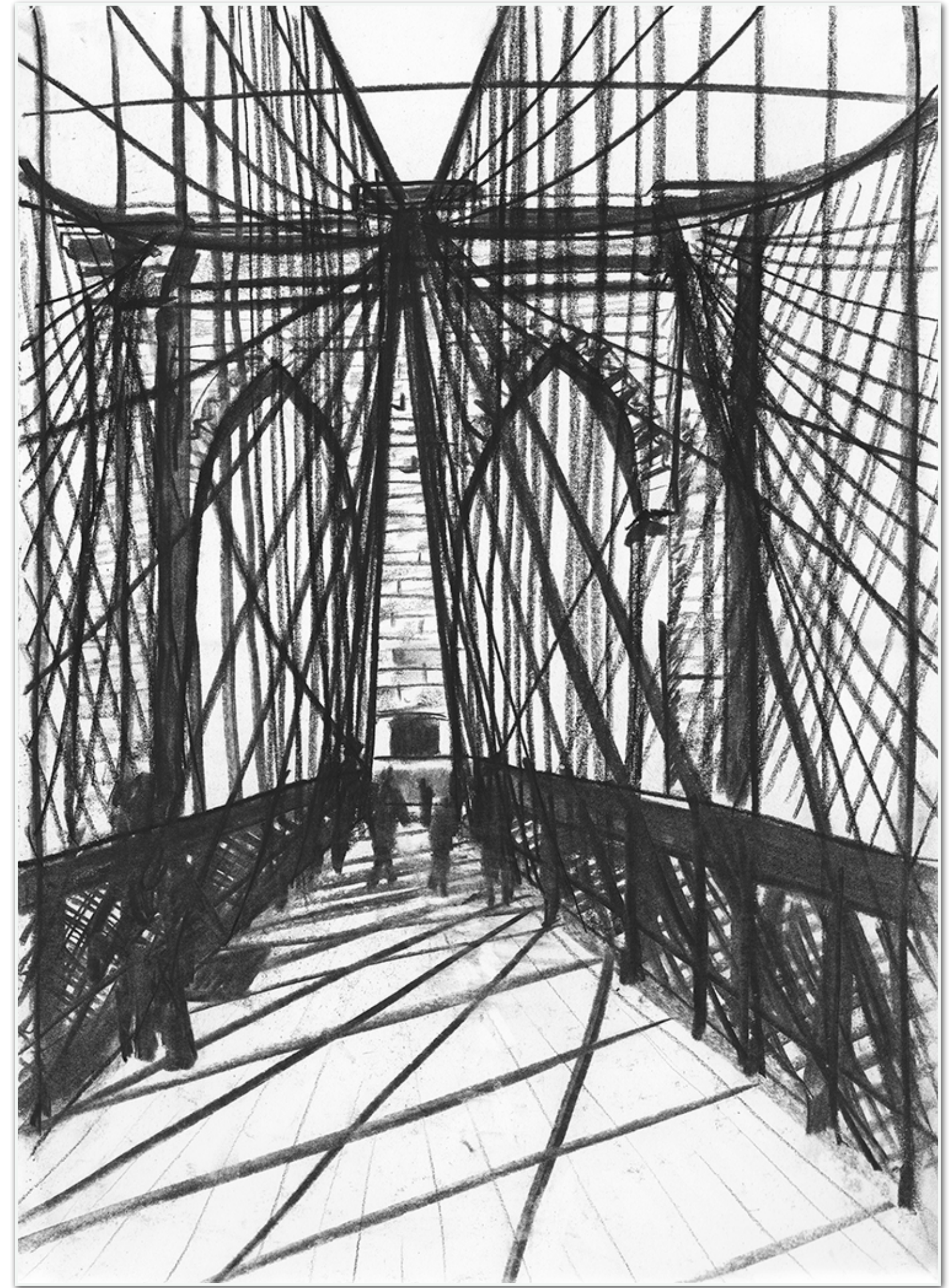
Chrysler Building  
2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 29.7 cm





# Brooklyn Bridge

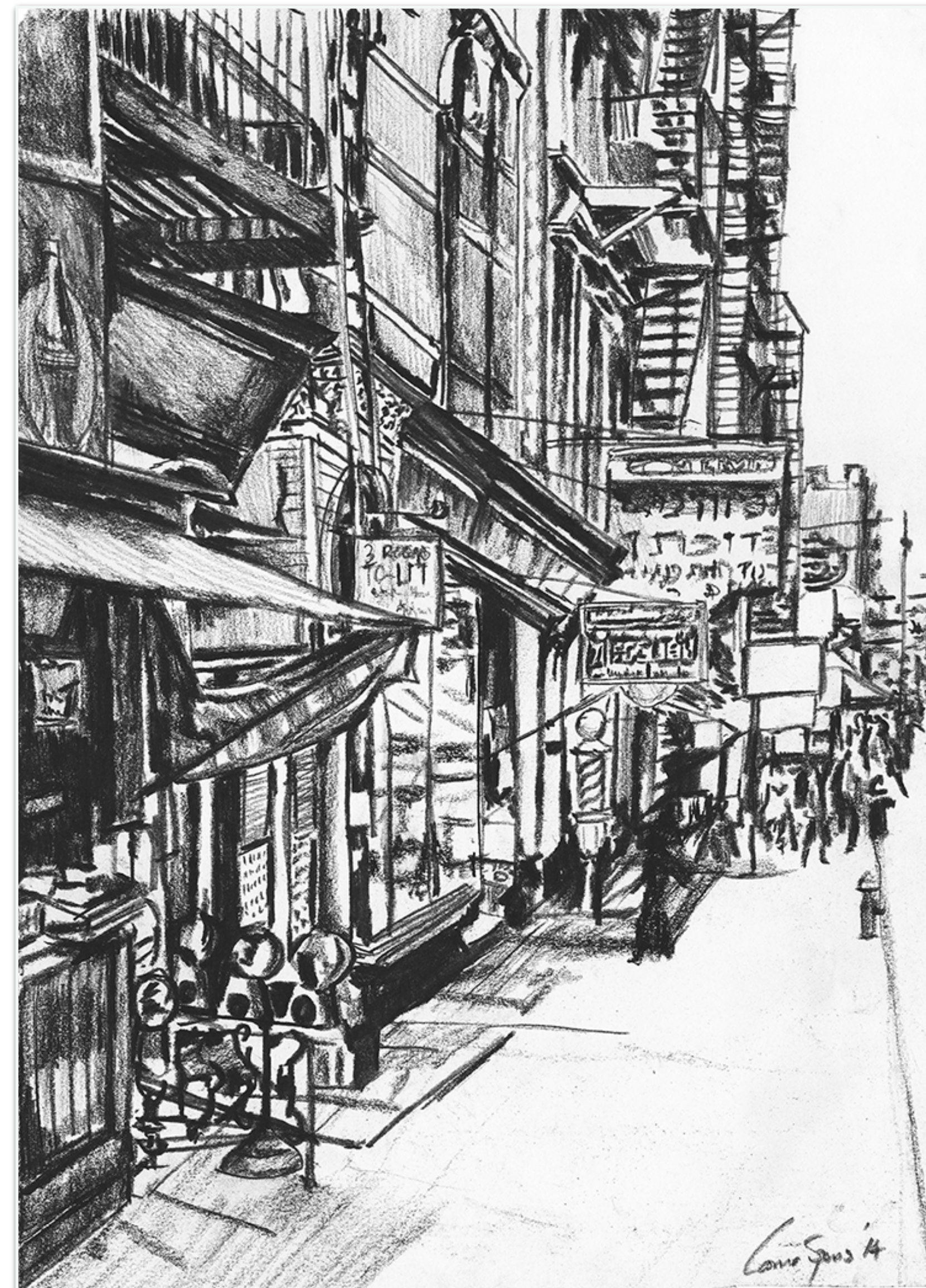
2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 29.7 cm





# East Village

2014 charcoal on paper 35 x 26 cm





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