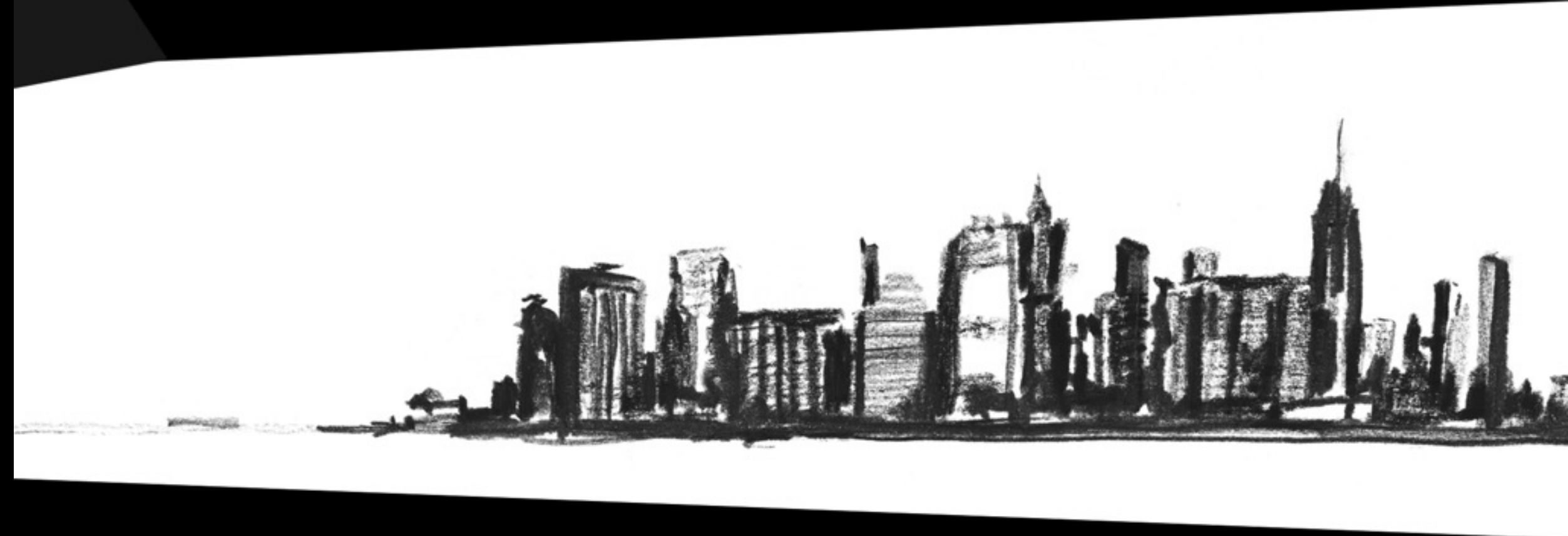




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DRAWINGS BY
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Richard England once said "The ultimate work of architecture is one where the floor is the earth, the walls are the wind and the ceiling is the sky".

This sense of capturing space in nature and beyond is an ongoing search in my work. Richard awakened my consciousness early on to the outward looking island mindset, through his architecture, art and poetry, and in particular one icon that features often throughout his work - the island of Filfla. This Island has always made an indelible impression on me. It's ability to sit firmly between the sky and the sea. It's vivid sense of space.

Whether in Manhattan, or walking through the streets of Malta and Gozo, the sensation of walking through densely populated streets towering over you and then being confronted with open water, space and the horizon is both uplifting and disorientating. My current work is an exploration of these contrasts between nature and humanity, where contrasting horizons meet, where dense, chaotic streets open up to wide open seascapes.

Charcoal seemed the most appropriate medium to capture this wonderful array of contrasts. The black on white and the soft and hard texture of the charcoal, create a vivid effect of contrasts, shapes and tones, portraying our continual attempt to find our natural sense of place amongst ever changing horizons.

Cosmo Spens
February 2016

Filfla I

2016 Original charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 cm



Manhattan from Red Hook

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.7 cm / limited edition print of 25



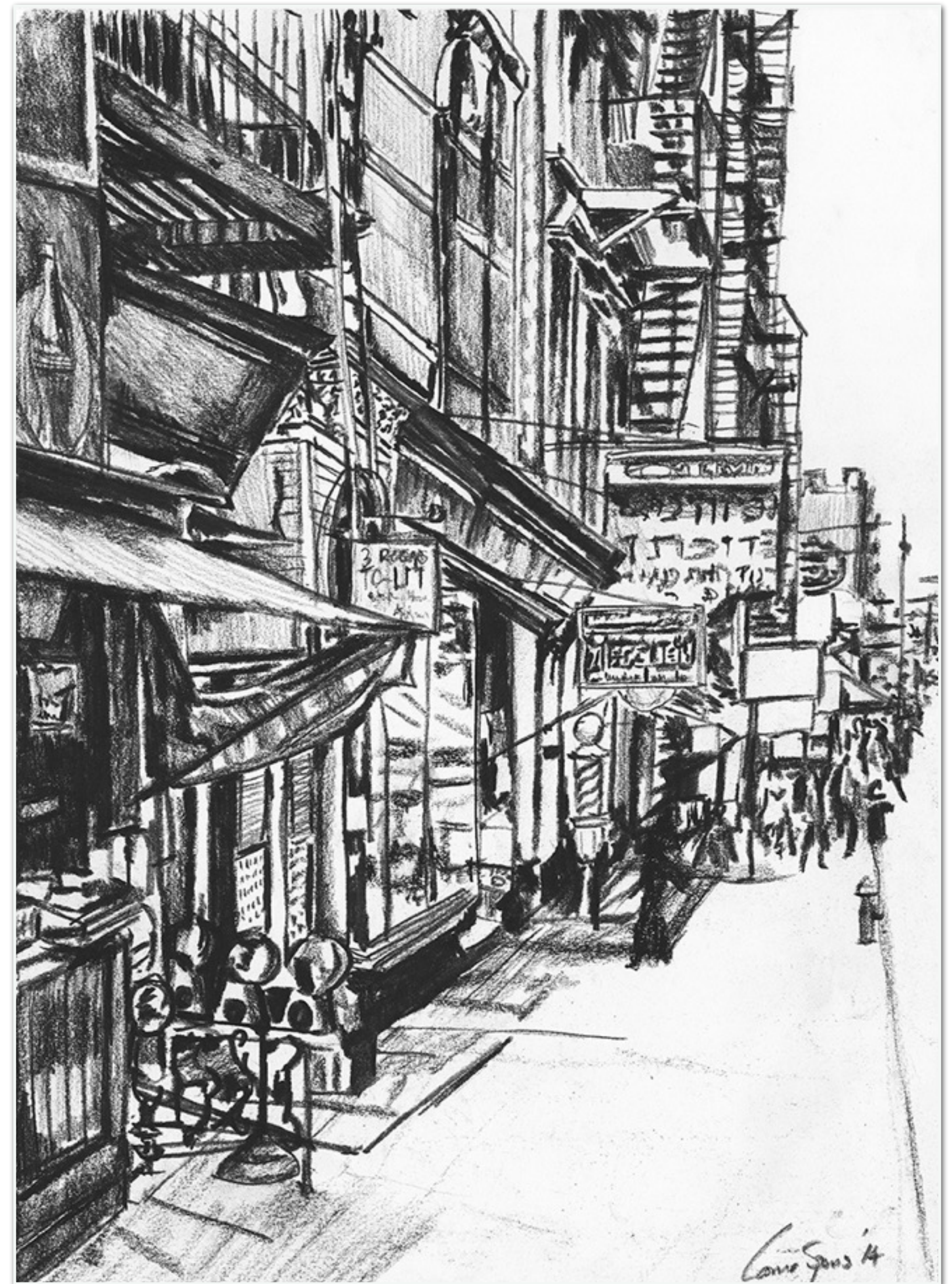
Xewkija

2016 Original charcoal on paper 42 x 29.7 cm



East Village

2014 charcoal on paper 35 x 26 cm / limited edition print of 25



Valletta

2016 Original charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 cm



Broadway, downtown

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm / limited edition print of 25



Victoria

2016 Original charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 cm



Manhattan from Staten Island

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm / limited edition print of 25



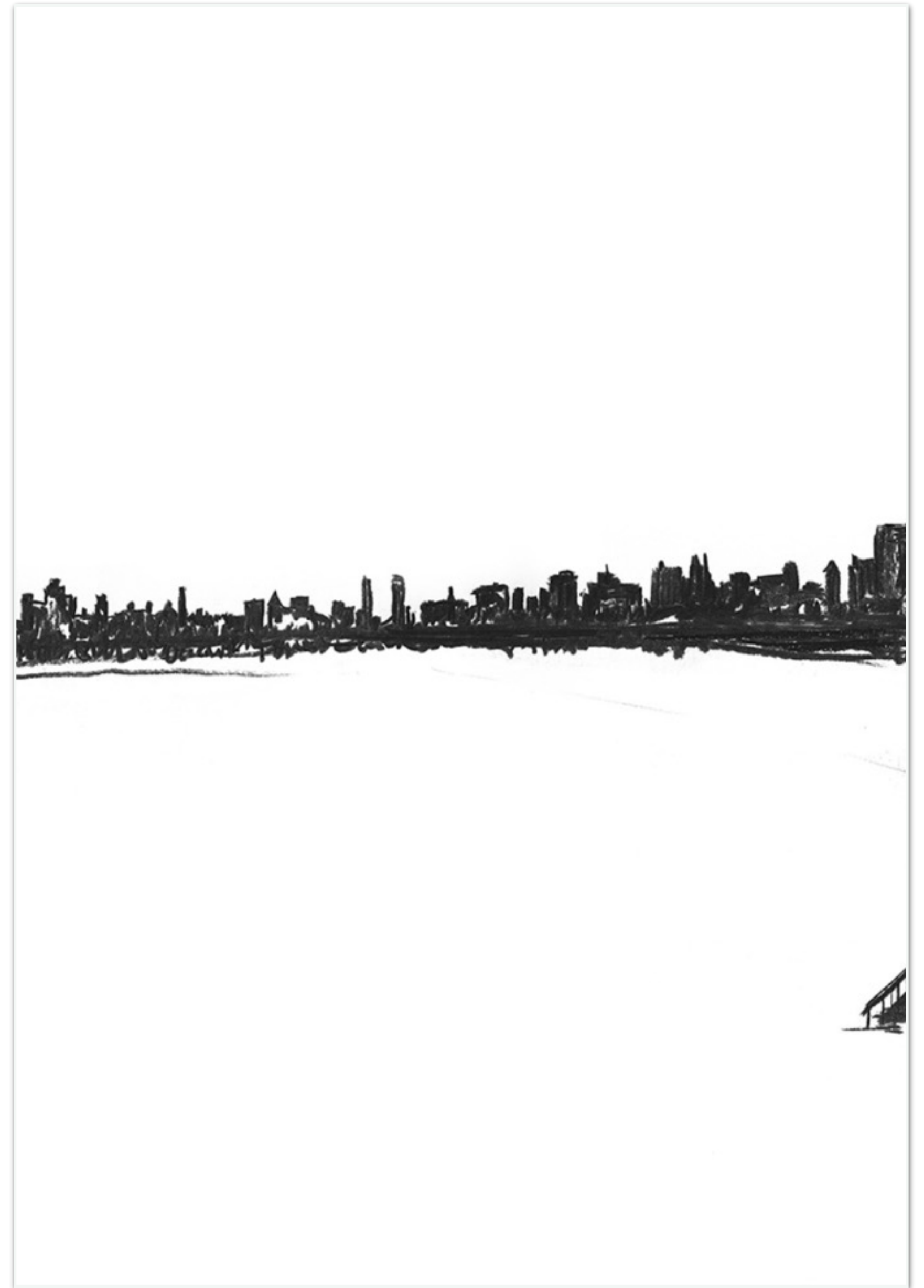
Filfla II

2016 Original charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 cm



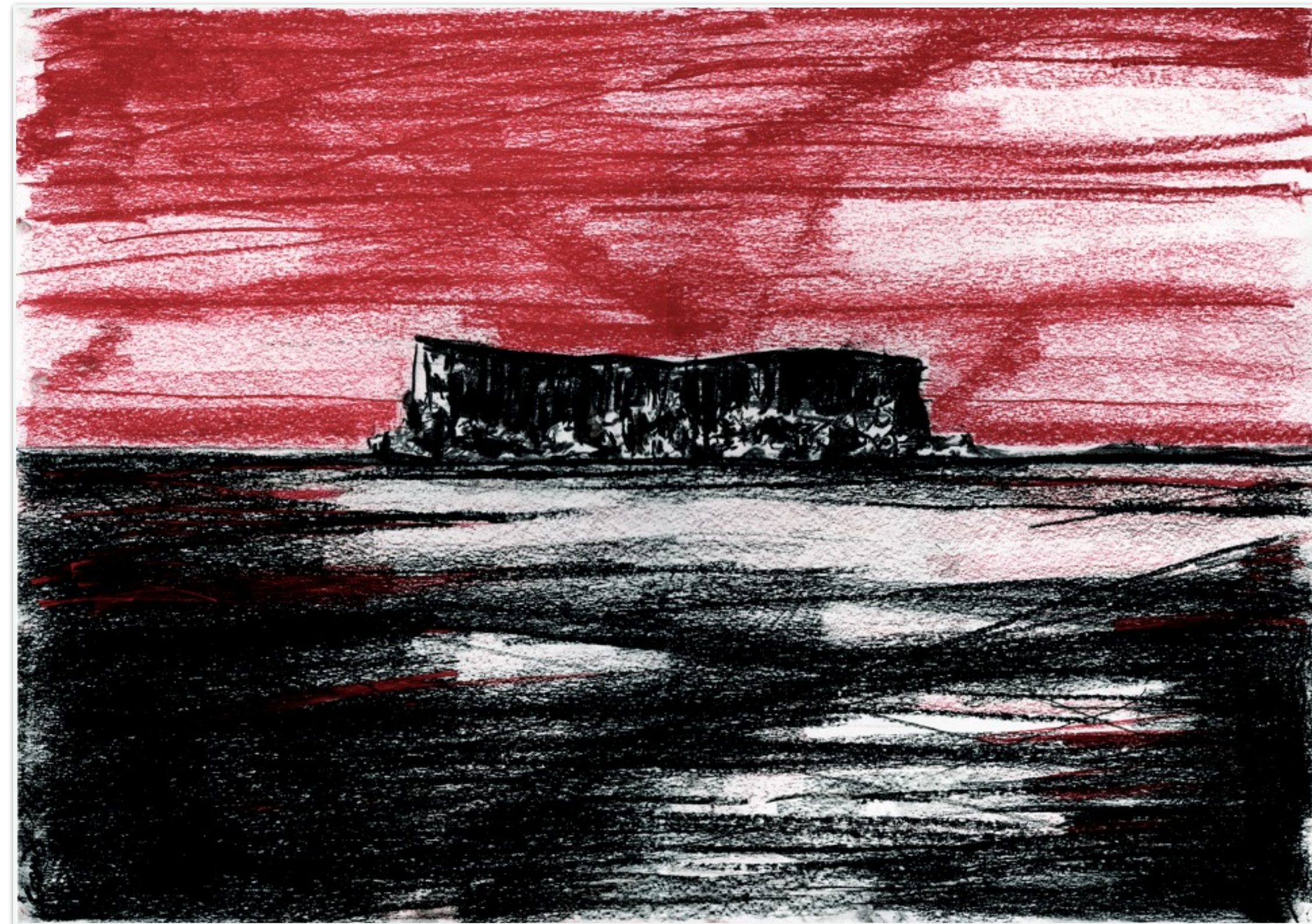
Central Park Lake, Winter

2015 charcoal on paper 29.7 x 42 / limited edition print of 25



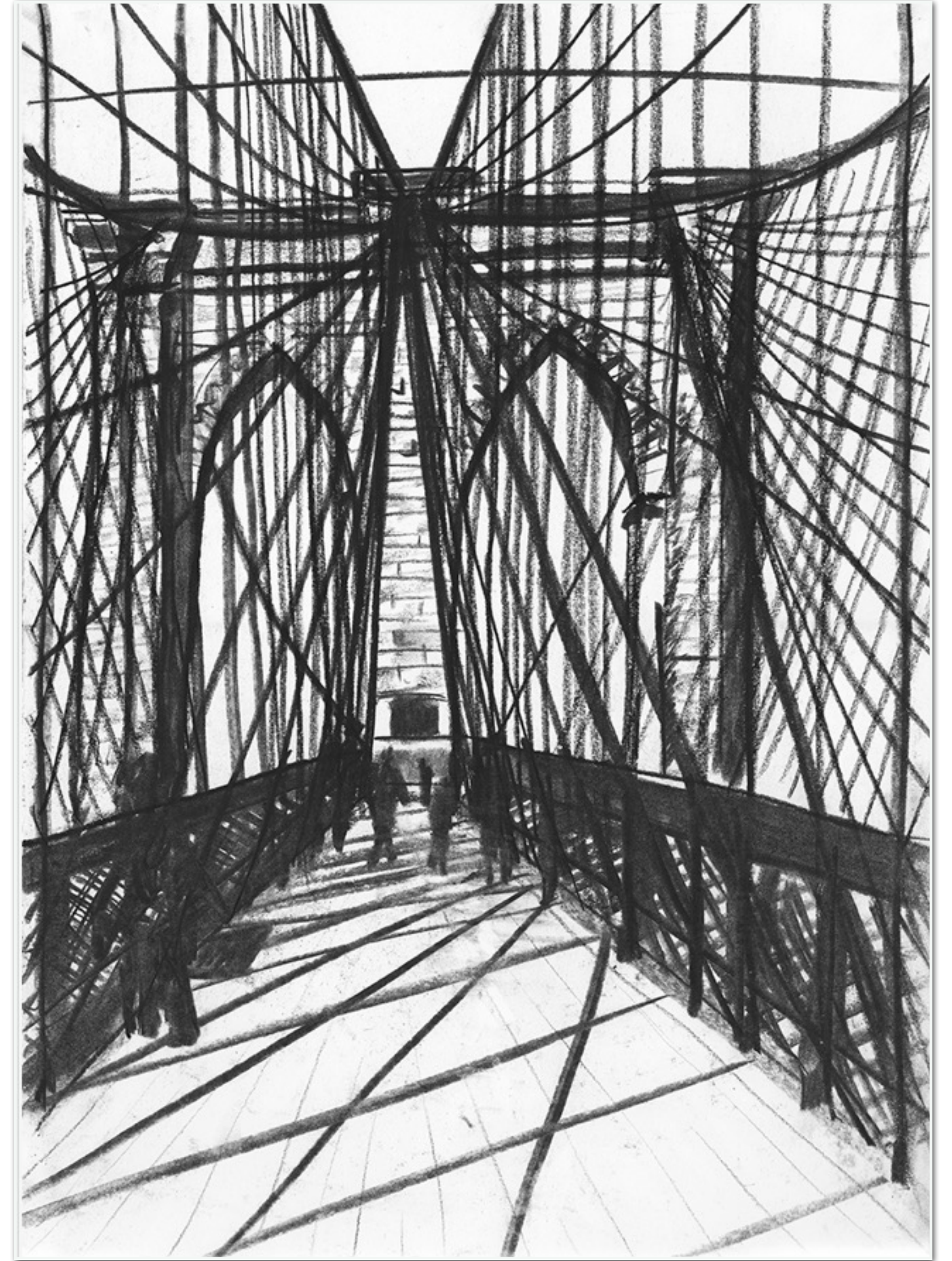
Filfla III

2016 charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm



Brooklyn Bridge

2015 charcoal on paper 42 x 29.7 cm / limited edition print of 25



Ta' Pinu

2016 Original charcoal on paper 42 x 59.4 cm



Midtown

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