

# MATTY DAGRADI

## Recent Collages



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- If it wasn't for a loaf of bread, Matty Dagradi's life as an artist might have started much later than it did.

Born in Brooklyn in 1929, at the age of 6 she was bursting with creative ideas but there were no art materials at home. But one day, she spied the pristine white paper that was wrapped around a loaf of bread and she knew she had located her first canvas.

- Later, her teachers gave her crayons and by the age of 14, she was sketching nudes. Her beloved high school art teacher, Mrs. Rubenstein, gave her not only a solid education but a passion for the arts that would last until this day. After high school, she went on to graduate from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, married and raised five children, also teaching watercolor classes for 10 years at the Summit (NJ) Adult Ed. Dep't.

- Later, after a decade of widowhood, she moved to New Haven to be closer to friends and family and welcome a new grandchild.

The art scene in New Haven proved inspirational. After years of working in watercolor, she began exploring oil painting and more recently, she has become excited with collage, using photos and advertising images from glossy magazines.

- Matty has taught painting at Hamden Adult Ed and is an active member of the Hamden Art League and North Haven Art Guild. But the best insight about the 90 year-old artist comes from the artist herself:

*"I do not belong in this age of specialization", says Matty.*

*"I can't resist painting a multitude of subjects. A walk in the woods reveals an inspiring contrast of earth and foliage. A cluster of grapes accidentally spills and creates a still life. The pounding elusive surf is a constant challenge to capture. Every day, there is a new image to discover."*

**Maxine Olderman**

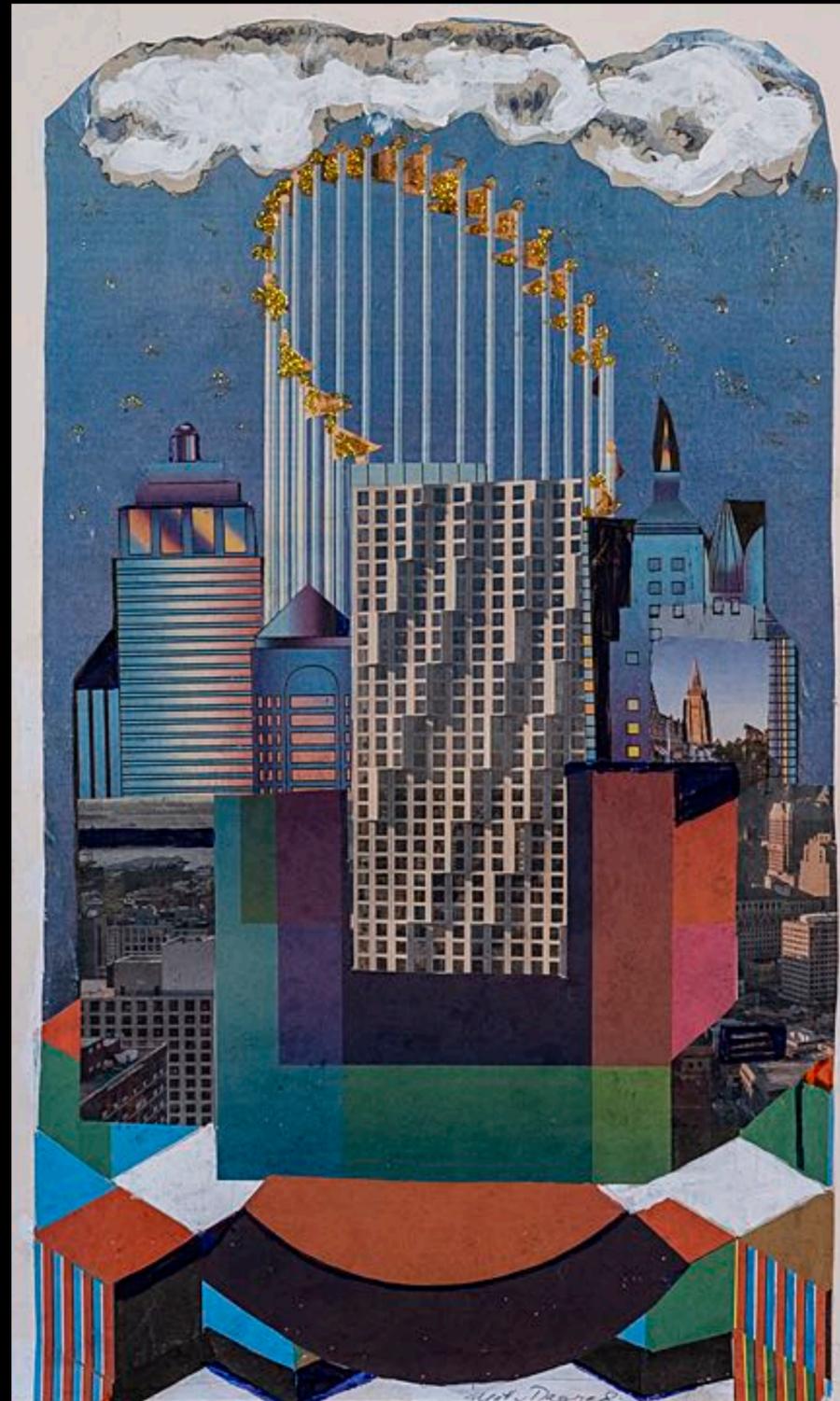
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"Starry Sky"



"Blue Moon"



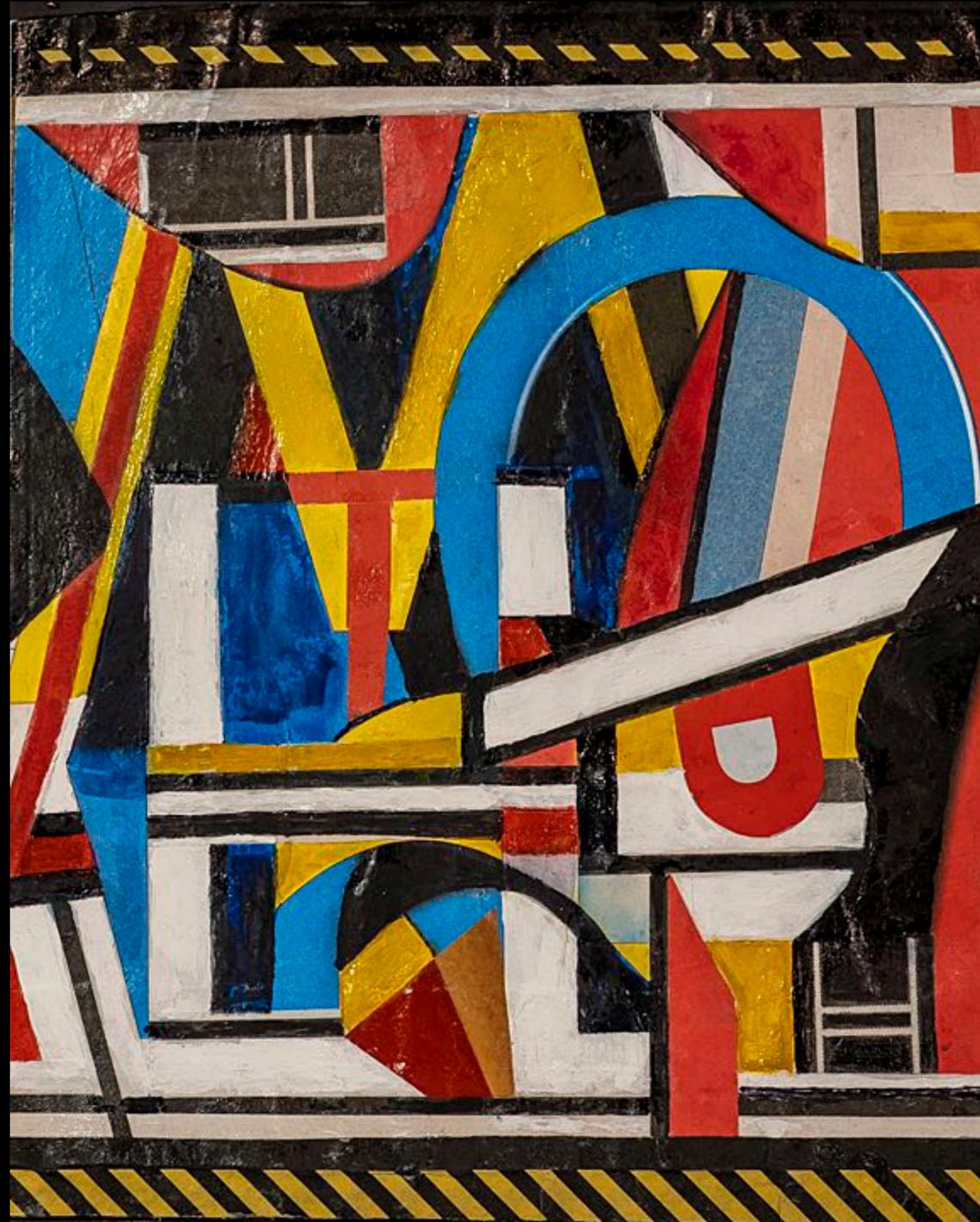
"High in the Sky Clouds"



"Blue Sky"



"Blooming Bouquet"



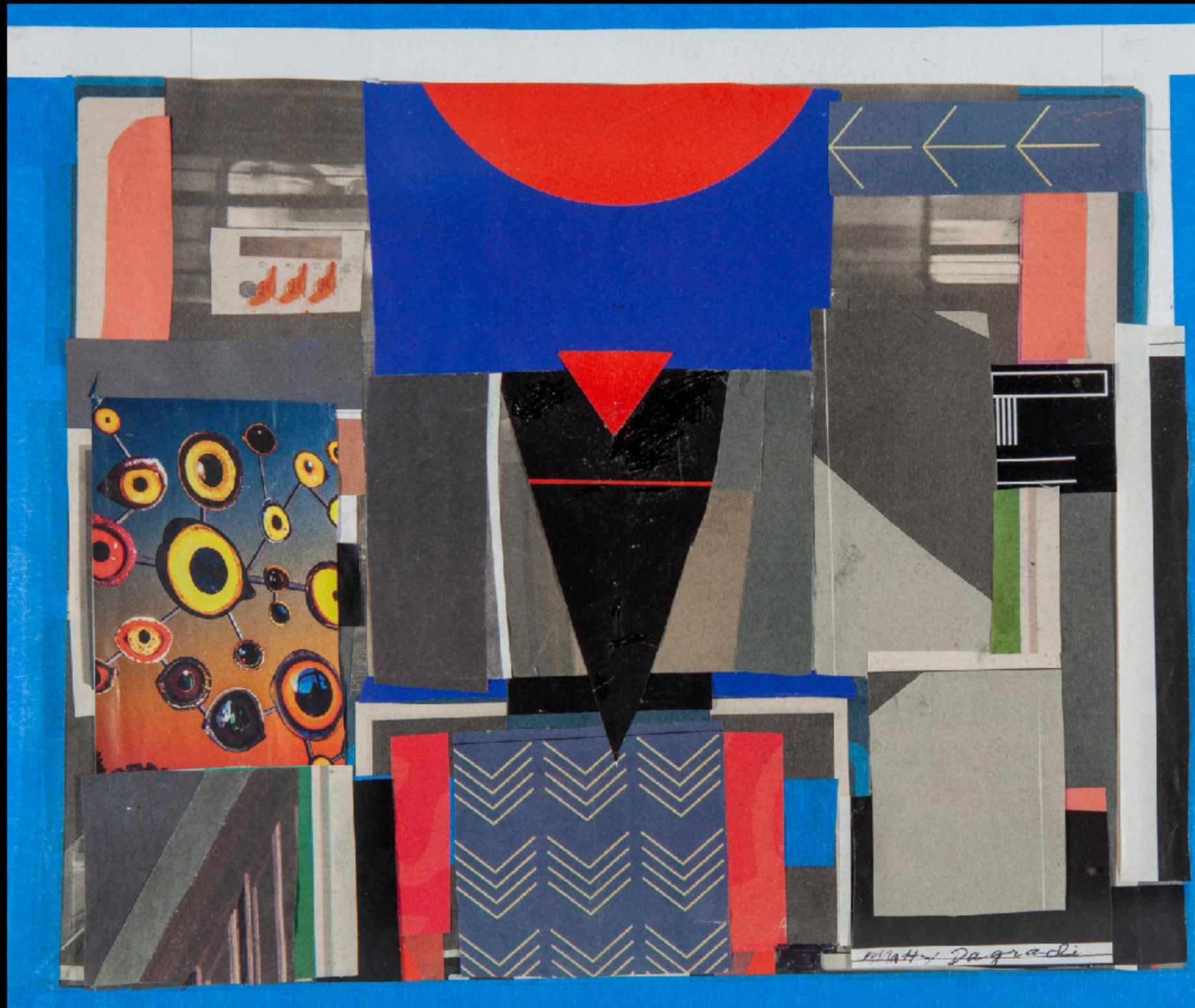
"Homage to Stuart Davis"



"Home Sweet Home"



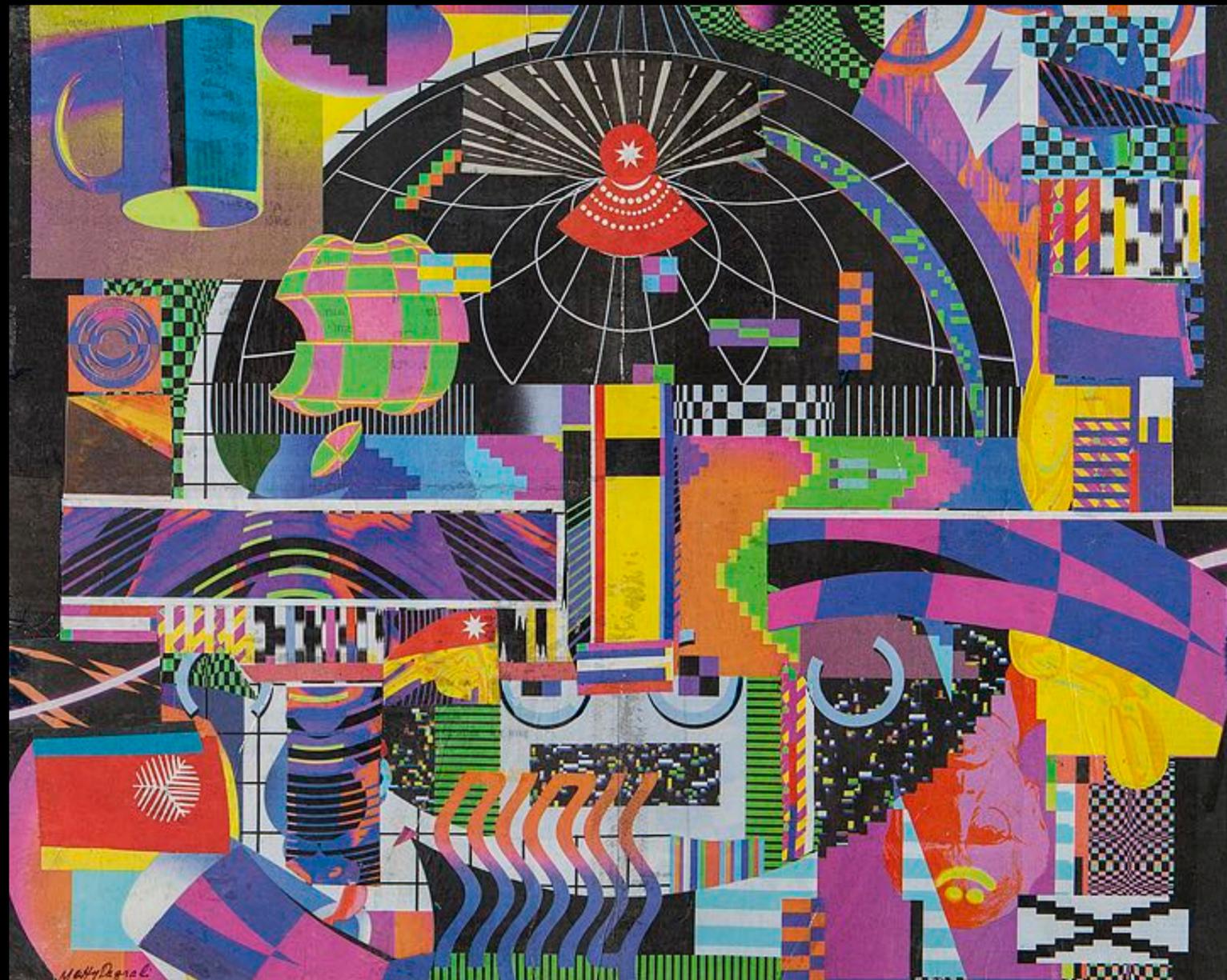
"Seeing Red"



'Untitled'



"Woman in the Window"



"Round the Mulberry Bush"



"Fireworks"



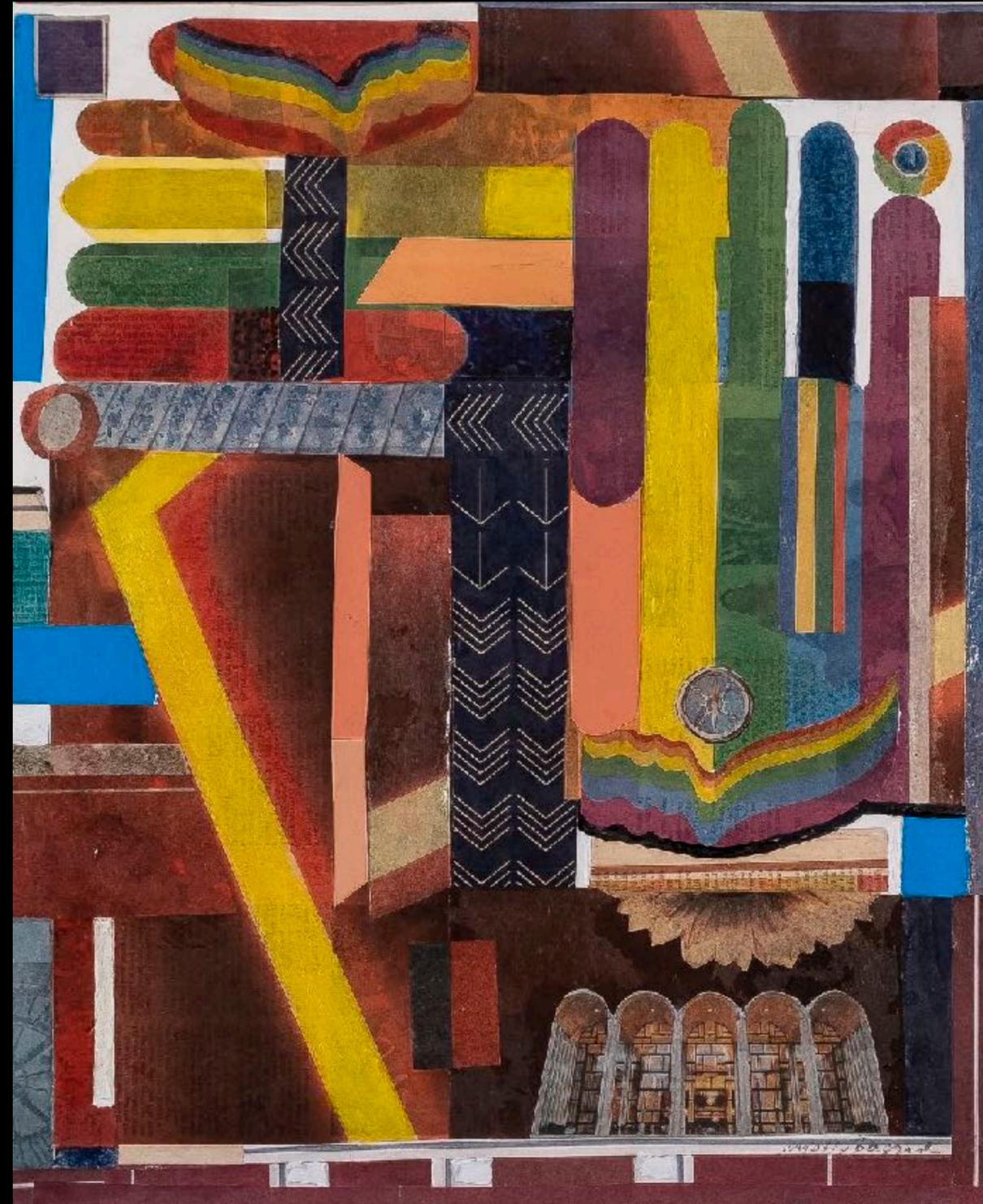
"Holiday Greetings"



"Red White & Bruised"



"Above MOMA"



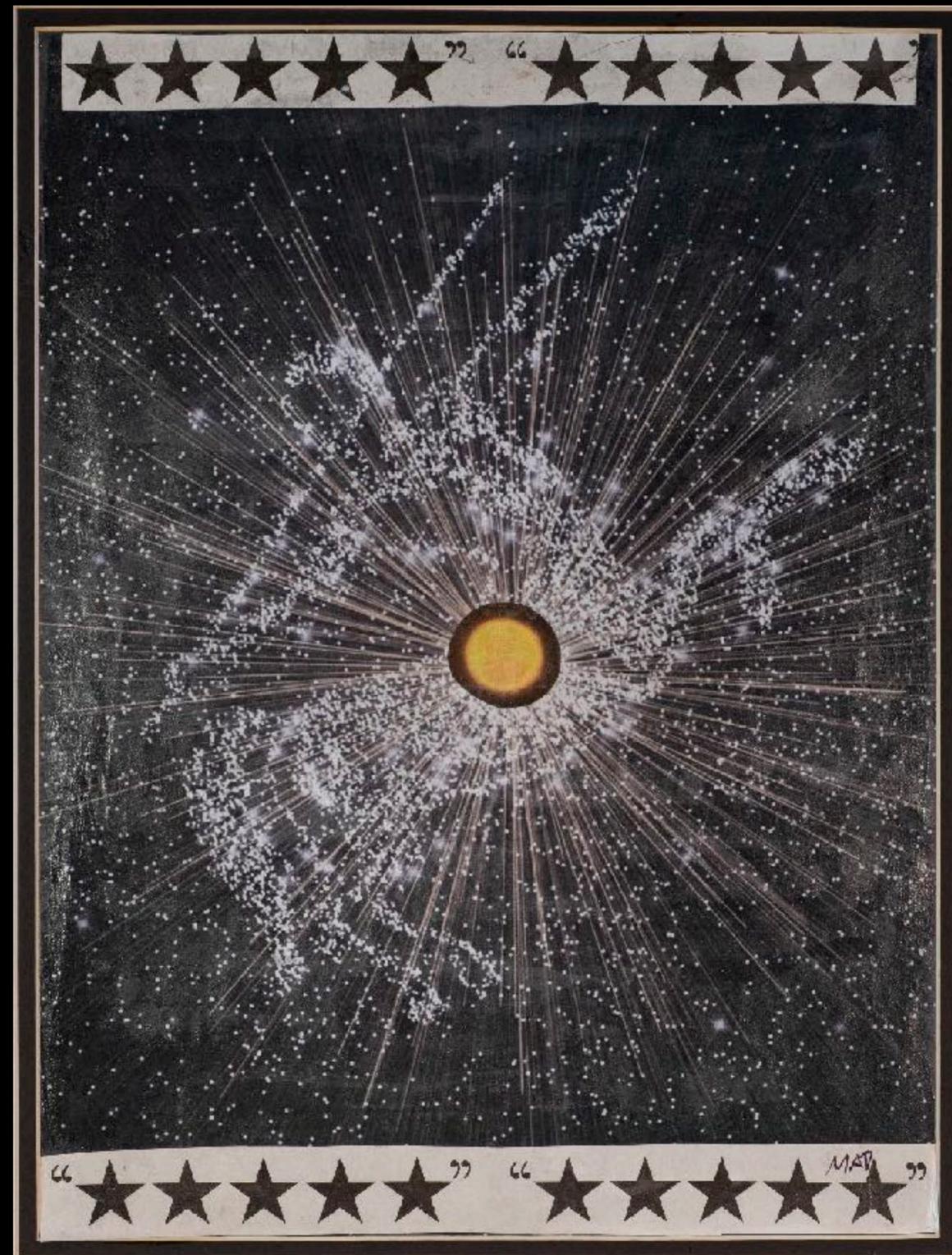
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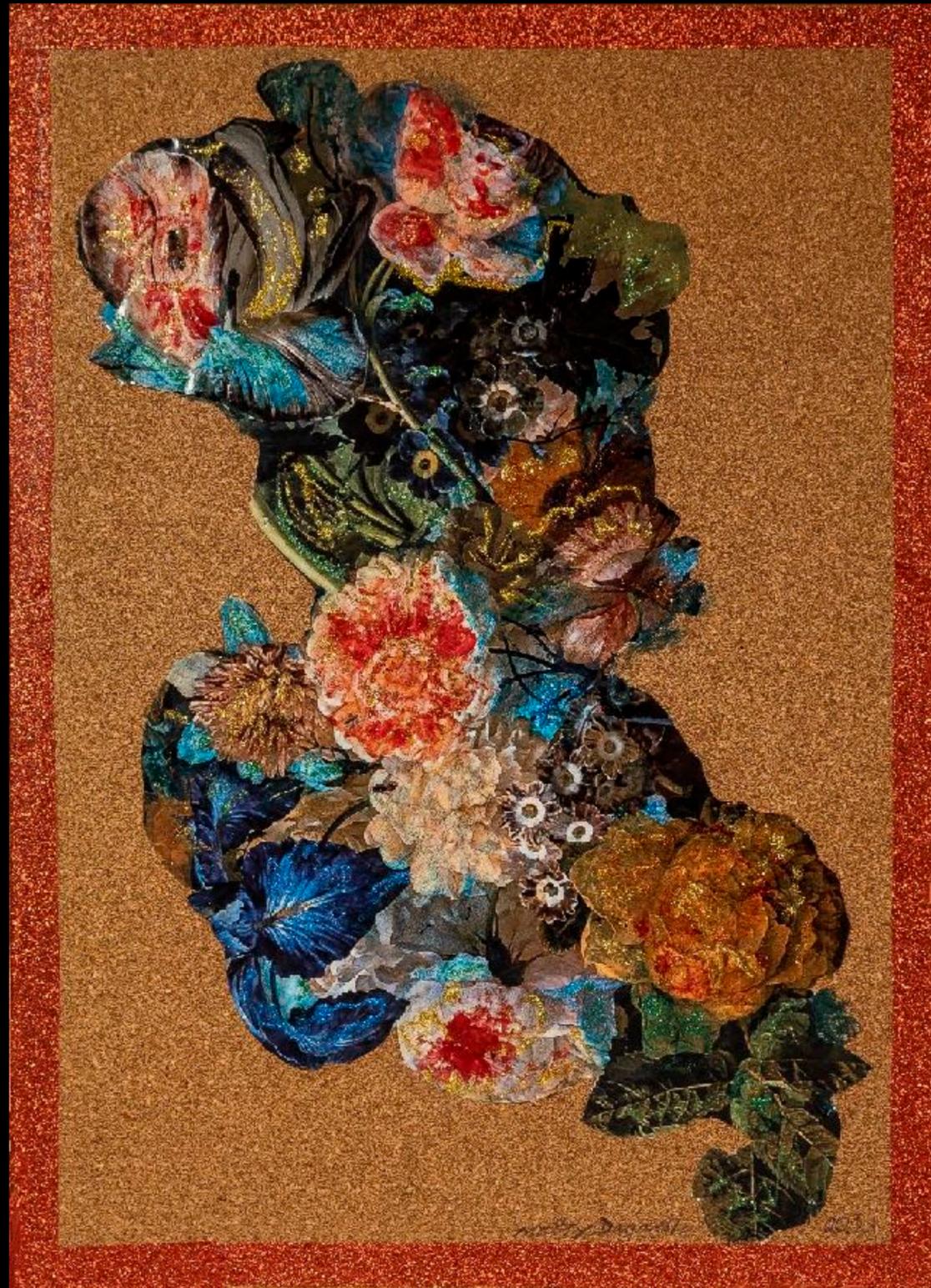
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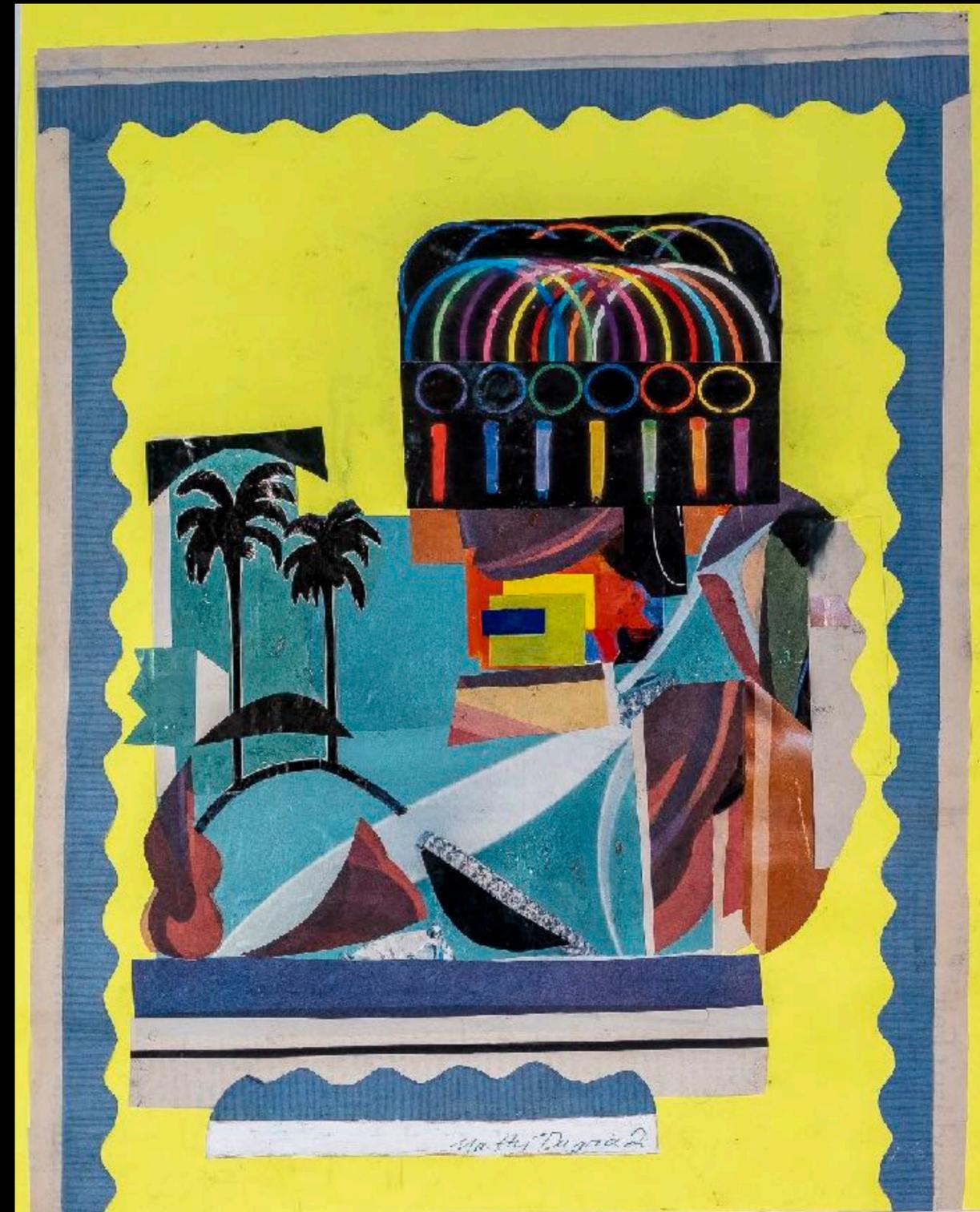
"Castle in the Sky"



"Star Bright"



"Flowering"



"Follow the Sun"



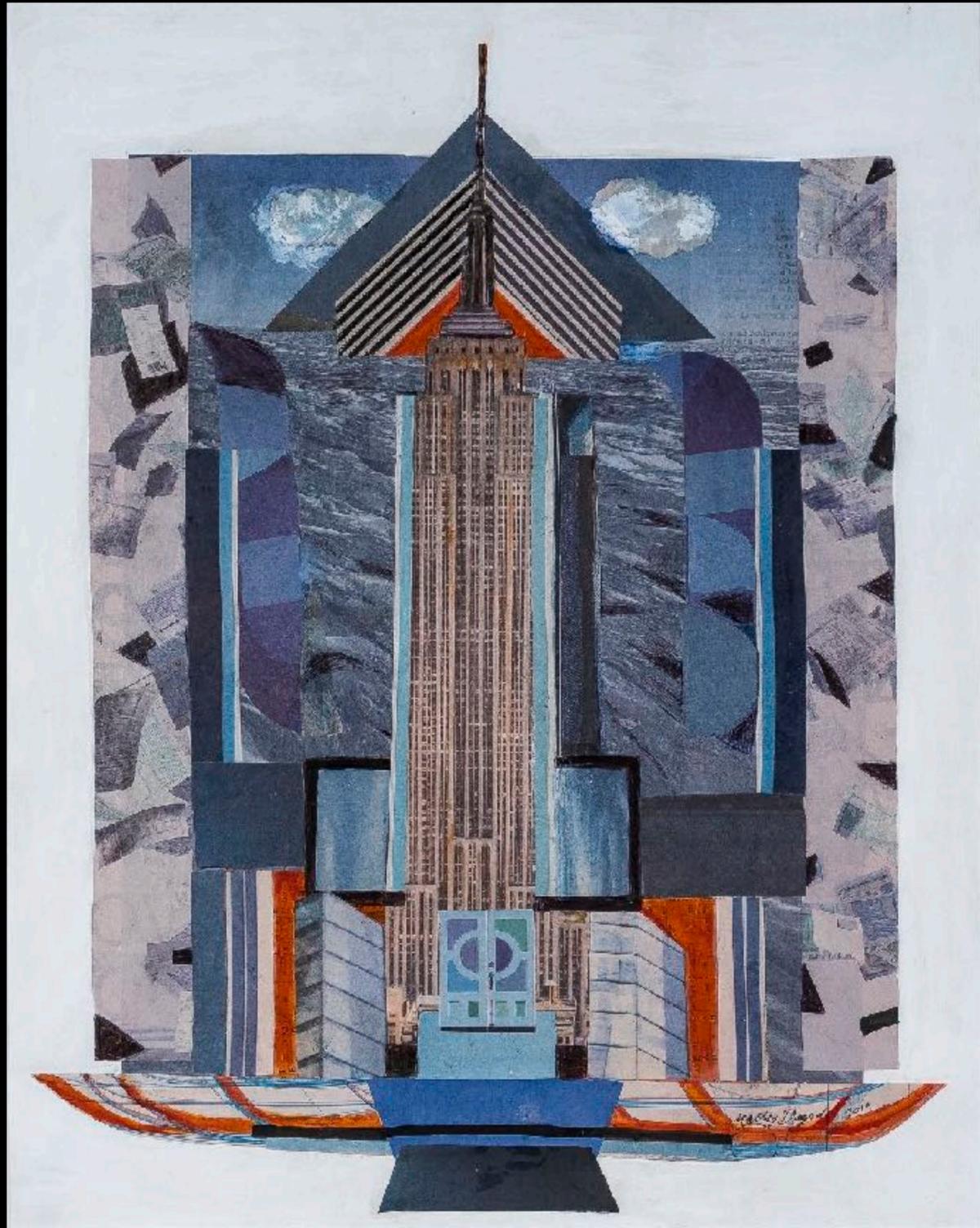
"Hoyt St. Brooklyn, NYC"



"Rainbow Royalty"



"Meandering"



"Skyscraper"

## Pricelist

1.	'Starry Sky' 15.5x11.5	NFS
2.	'Blue Moon' 20x20	\$ 150
3.	'High in the Sky Clouds' 12x19	\$ 150
4.	'Blue Sky' 19x15.5	NFS
5.	'Blooming Bouquet' 18.5x16	\$ 175
6.	'Homage to Stuart Davis' 8x10	\$ 125
7.	'Home Sweet Home' 14x11	\$ 150
8.	'Seeing Red' 30x20	\$ 200
9.	'Untitled' 11x13	\$ 125
10.	'Woman in the Window' 18x22	\$ 150
11.	'Round the Mulberry Bush' 18x23	NFS
12.	'Fireworks' 18x22	\$ 175
13.	'Holiday Greetings' 17x22	\$ 150
14.	'Red White and Bruised' 15x22	\$ 150
15.	'Above MOMA' 18x21	\$ 200
16.	'Arches' 24x32	\$ 200
17.	'Black & White' 15x19	\$ 150
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23.	'Rainbow Royalty' 14x15	\$ 125
24.	'Meandering' 10x16	\$ 125
25.	'Skyscraper' 16x20	\$ 200

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