



ARTWORK

## Moving Atlas (portfolio)

Karen Yen

### Artist Statement: *Moving Atlas*



Using the language of maps, I take on the role of cartographer by tracing emotions, sensations, perceptions and the uncharted realms of my imagination associated with being a person of an ever changing diaspora. Using acrylic paints, paper collage and charcoal on canvas and paper, I rearticulate the practice of mapping by drawing from the landscapes of my memory and imagination. This allows me to temporarily orient myself in this vast world while venturing beyond the boundaries of geography to examine the contradictions between the nature of our imagination and physical boundaries.

### About the artist:



*Karen Yen* is a Visual Artist whose journey began in the field of graphic design. With 20 years of experience that started in San Francisco, continuing on in New York, Barcelona, and Victoria, she has learnt to combine meaning/purpose with aesthetics by translating abstract ideas and concepts into visual forms. While visual forms in graphic design are primarily digital, recent years have found her exploring the creation of images through the craft of painting and drawing. By combining this direct, slow and laborious manner of execution with ideas, she creates a visual language that is personal, purposeful and soulful at the same time. Touching on topics such as the refugee condition, the feminine, spirituality, personal geographies and reimagining the arts and crafts movement, she navigates in a world of pictorial interpretation of thoughts, emotions and events that is expansive and lyrical.

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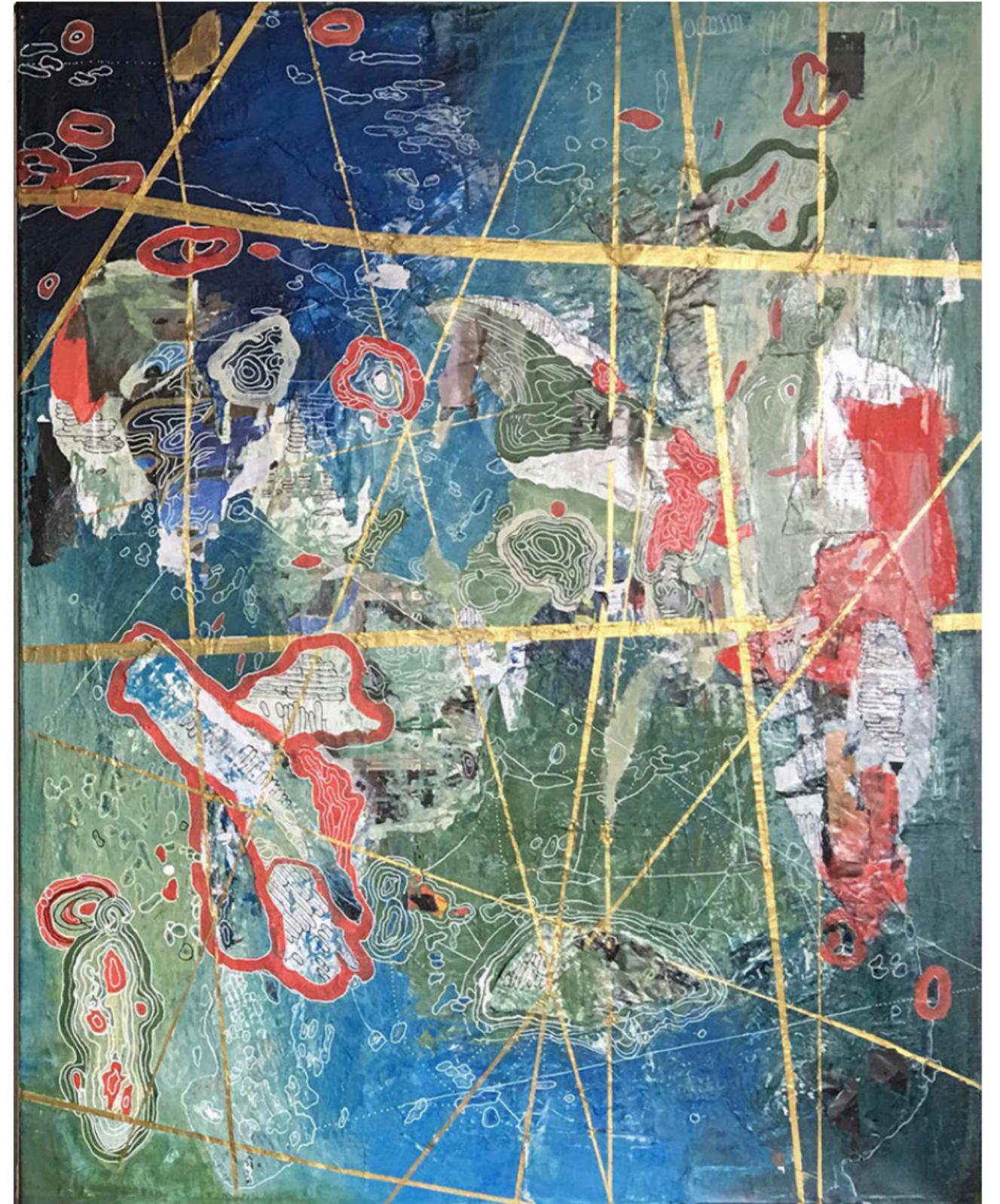
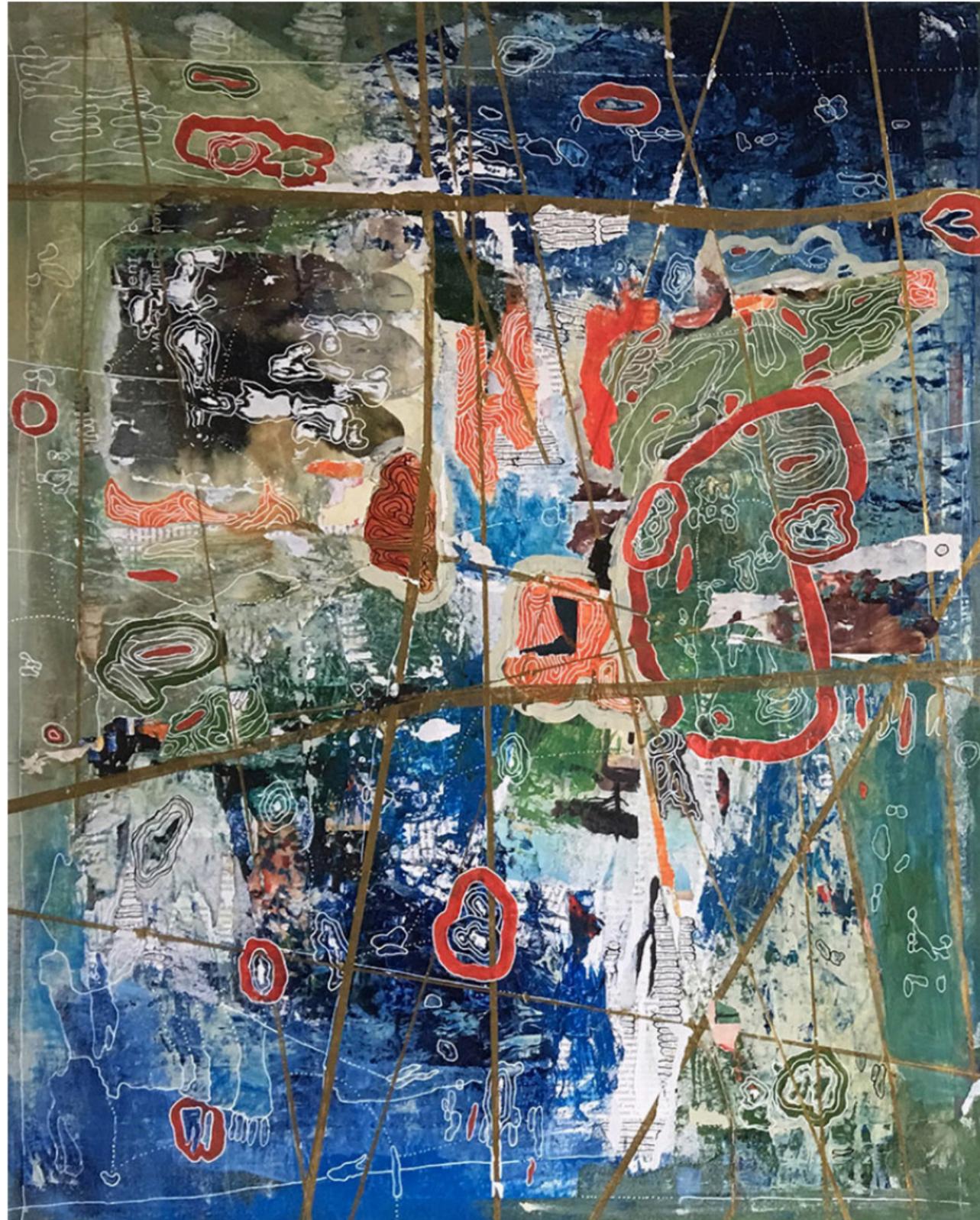


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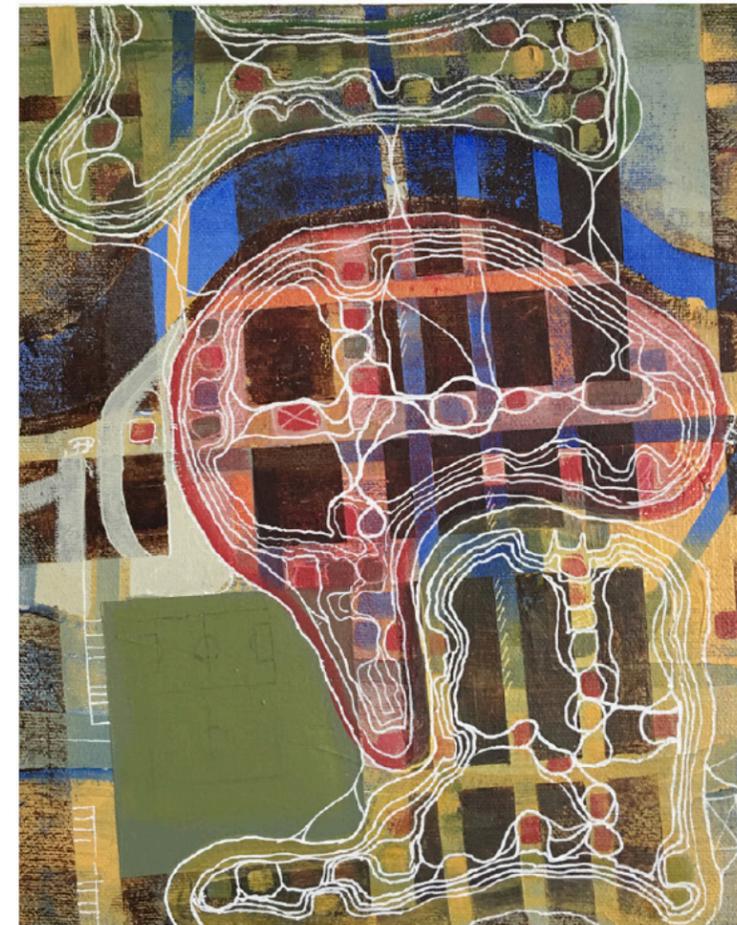
by Karen Yen



**BETWEEN LAND AND SEA**  
16 x 20 inches / 40.5 X 50 cm  
Mixed Media on Canvas  
2018



SKY, LAND & SEA  
Each: 24 x 30 inches / 61 X 76.2 cm  
Mixed Media on Canvas  
2018



**CONVERGENCE**

Each: 8 x 10 inches / 20.32 X 25.4 cm

Acrylics on Canvas

2018



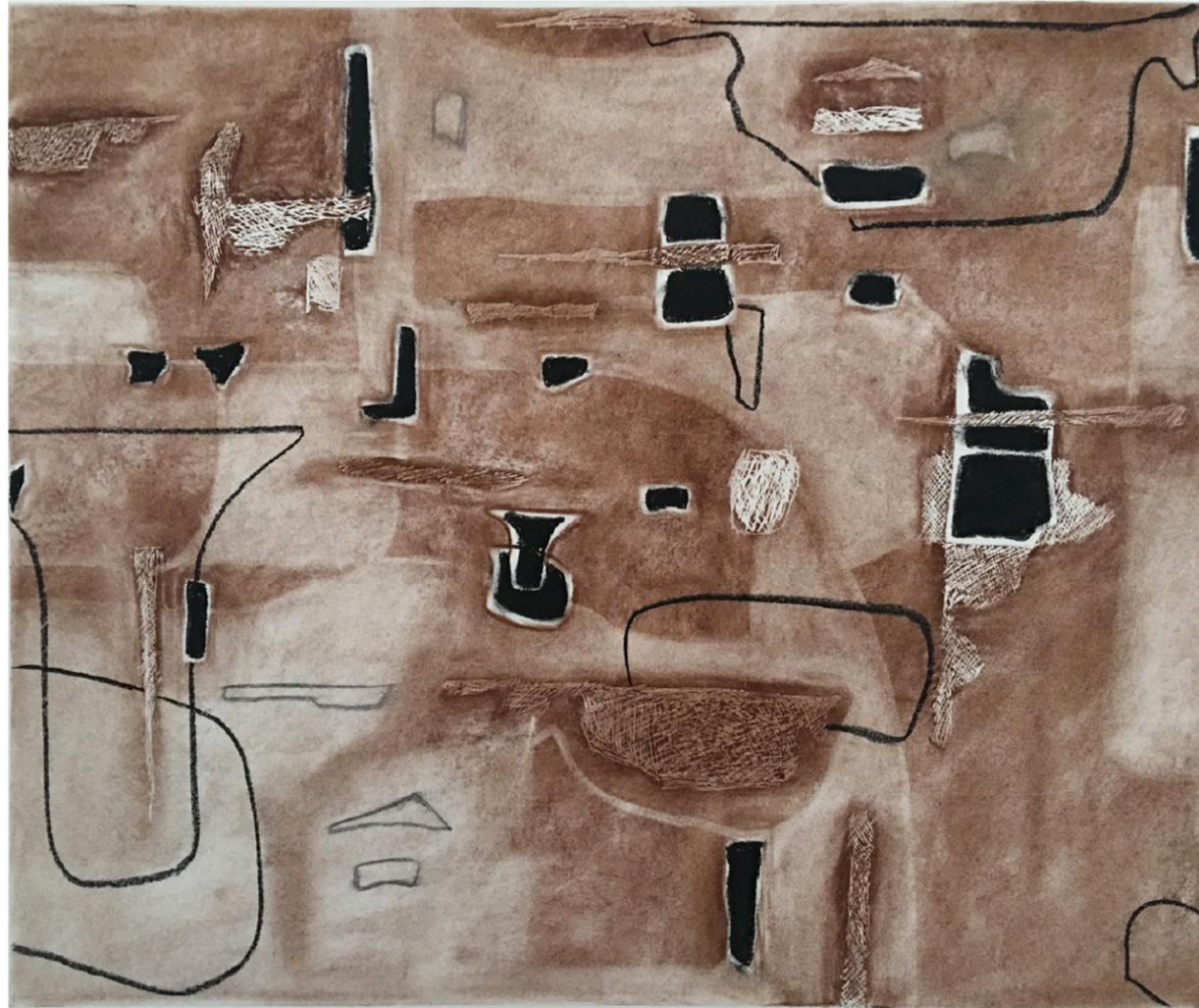
CALAS  
Each: 8 x 10 inches / 20.32 X 25.4 cm  
Acrylics on Canvas  
2018



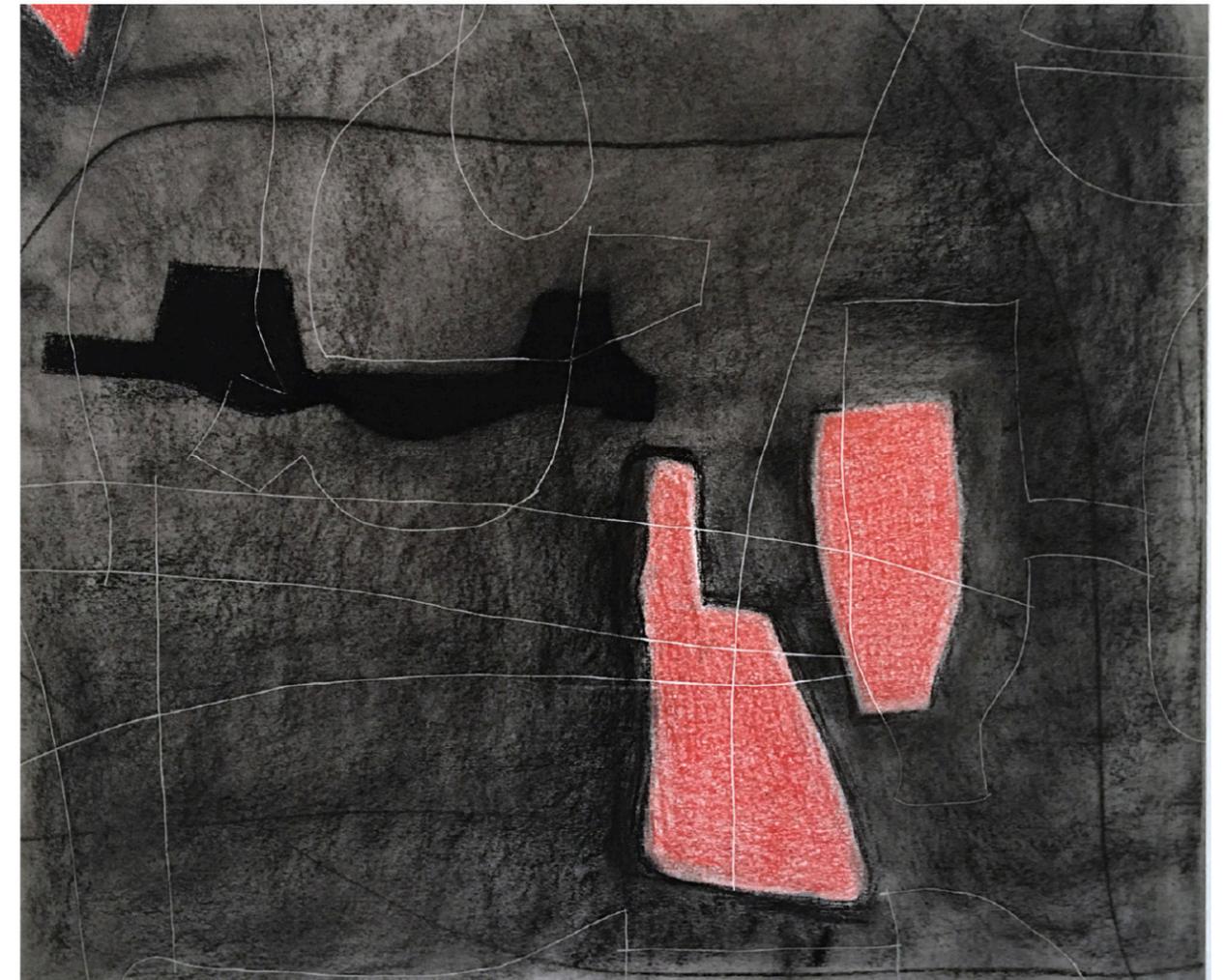
**MOUNTAINS AND MOON**  
18 x 18 inches / 45.72 X 45.72 cm  
Mixed Media on Canvas  
2018



**HOPPING**  
20 x 20 inches / 50.8 X 50.8 cm  
Acrylics on Canvas  
2018



**CROSSING 1**  
22 x 30 inches / 55.88 X 76.2 cm  
Charcoal, Graphite on Paper  
2018



**CROSSING 2**  
22 x 30 inches / 55.88 X 76.2 cm  
Charcoal, Graphite on Paper  
2018