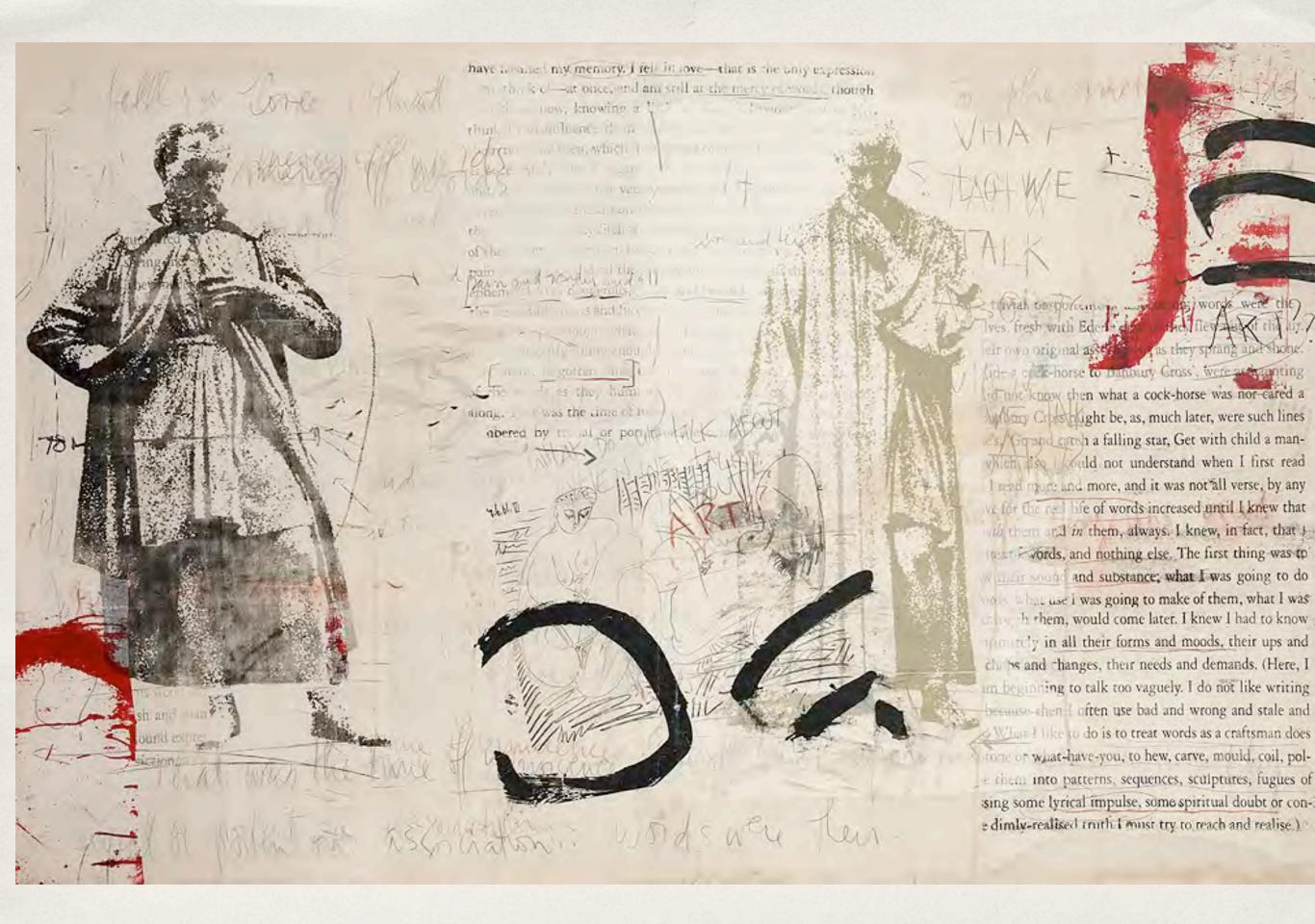


MARIA NOËL

Buenos Aires, 2008-2012



WHAT DO WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ART? 2012

The present body of work - all mixed media and collage - is an homage to Art. It is in itself a *collage* of ideas, quotes, and references that invites the viewer to discover and play making free associations.

The title of the series, "What do we talk about when we talk about art?" is already paraphrasing the title of the short story by American writer Raymond Carver.

The characters in these pieces - Michelangelo, Dante, Homer ...- are original lithographs on Asian paper, produced on the basis of digital images which reproduce the renaissance statues from the *loggia* of the Palazzo Ufizzi. Here, Dante, Petrarch and Homer, and the ancient and painstaking lithography technique, are combined with digital resources and the Internet.

The texts in some of the works are simultaneous interweaves, that generate a sense of spatial depth while subtly, like a figured bass, giving the series a sense of unity.

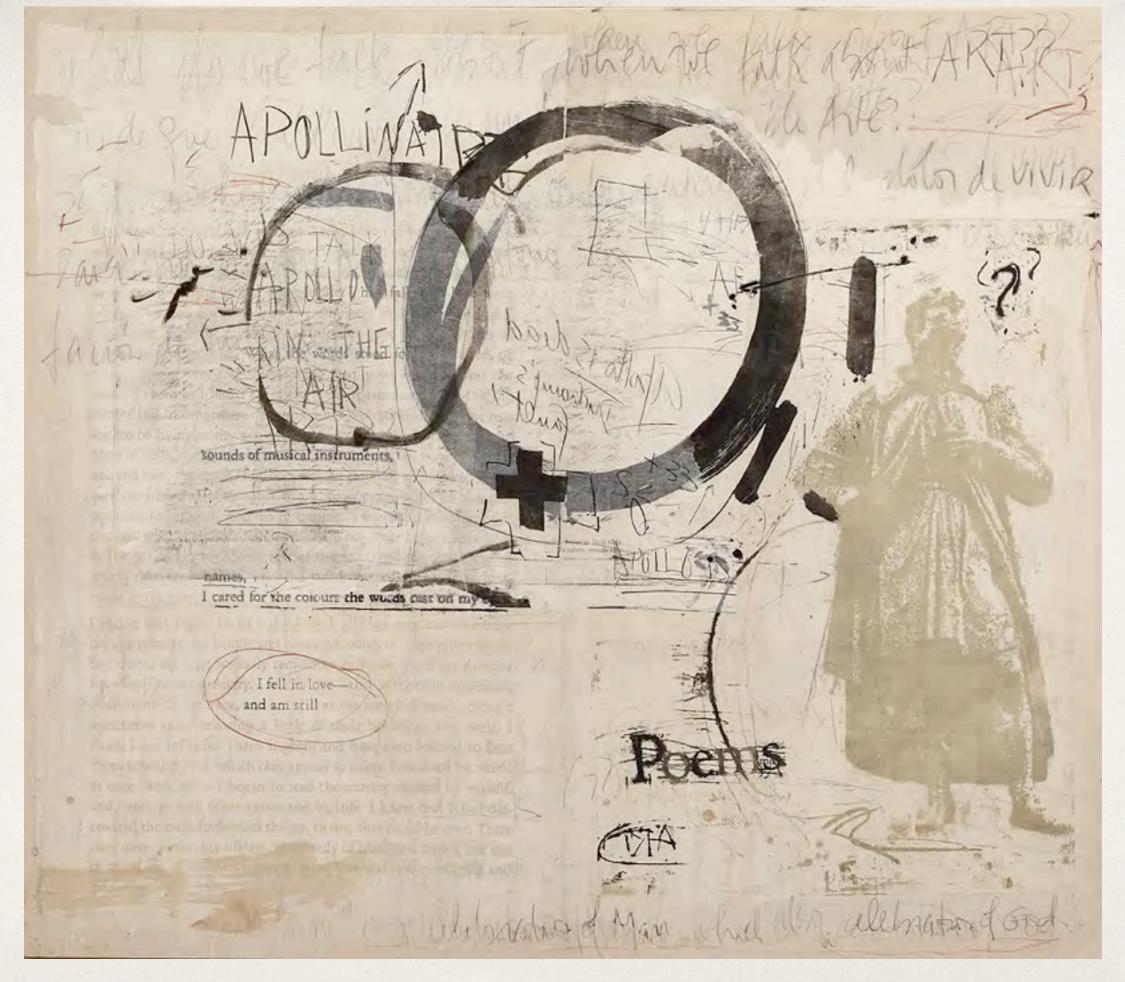
There are two types of texts in these works: those printed and those handwritten in a loose and personal calligraphy. The printed excerpts from books are a reproduction of a lecture that Irish poet Dylan Thomas gave in the United States in 1953, in which he reflected on Poetry, asking himself about its nature and its source. The conclusion that Thomas reached is in itself pure poetry: words are sounds carved in the block of silence; words are shapes that awaken images and create the world that we see. *"What I like to do is treat words as a craftsman...to mold and plane them..."* And his conclusion, which can be found in a number of works in this series, is: *"The joy and function of art is, and was, the celebration of man, which is also the celebration of God."*

The handwritten text brings to mind works of *graffiti* that, with a dose of humor, play with words like aphorisms and add ideas to the series.

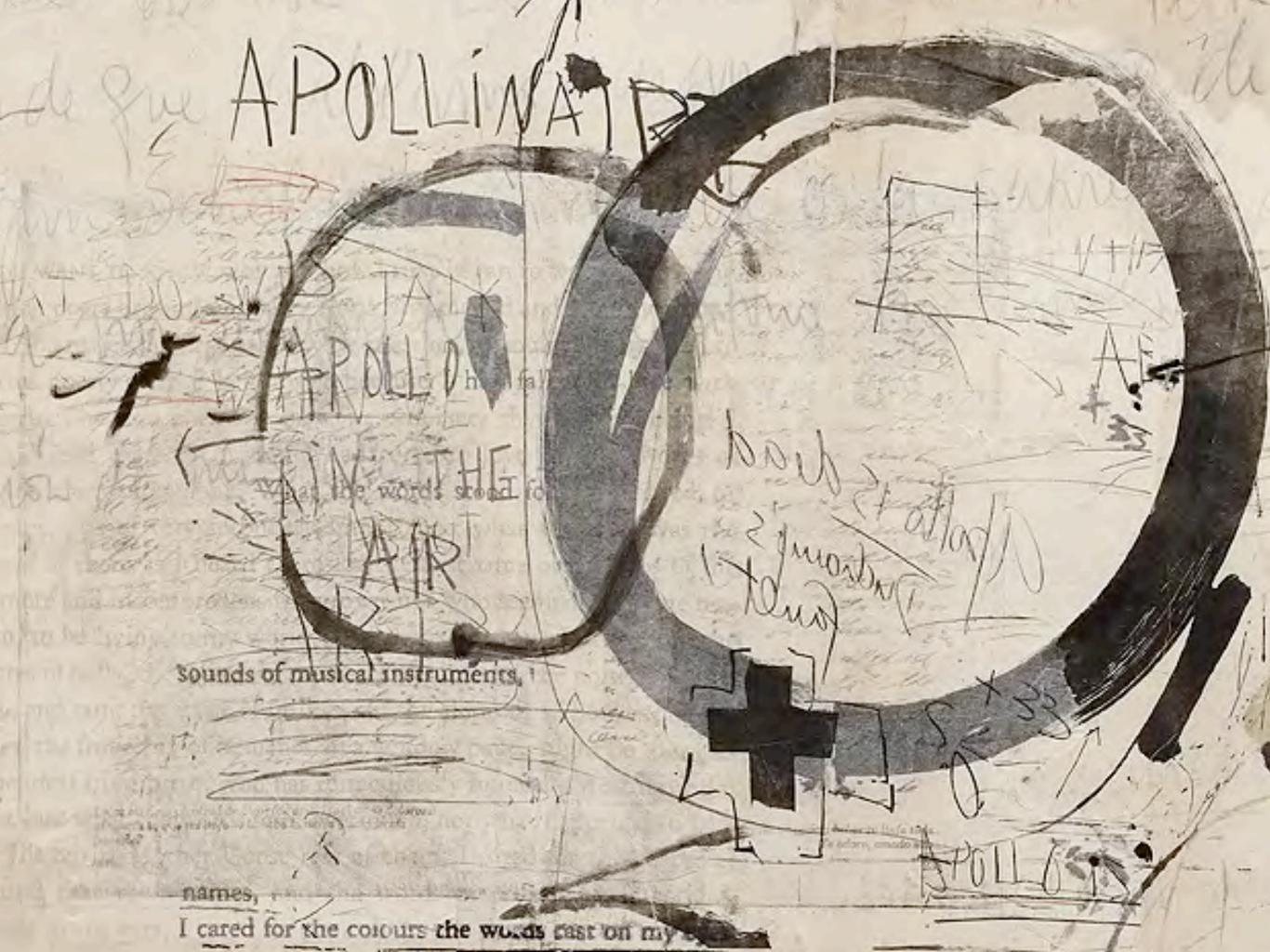
The text reads: *Apollinaire... Apollo in the Air*. Beside a thoughtful Michelangelo, *Apollo is dead* is a play on Nietzsche's celebrated sentence "God is dead." In this case Apollo, the god of classic harmony, is the one who has died... *Duchamp's Fault* is another wink to the viewer.

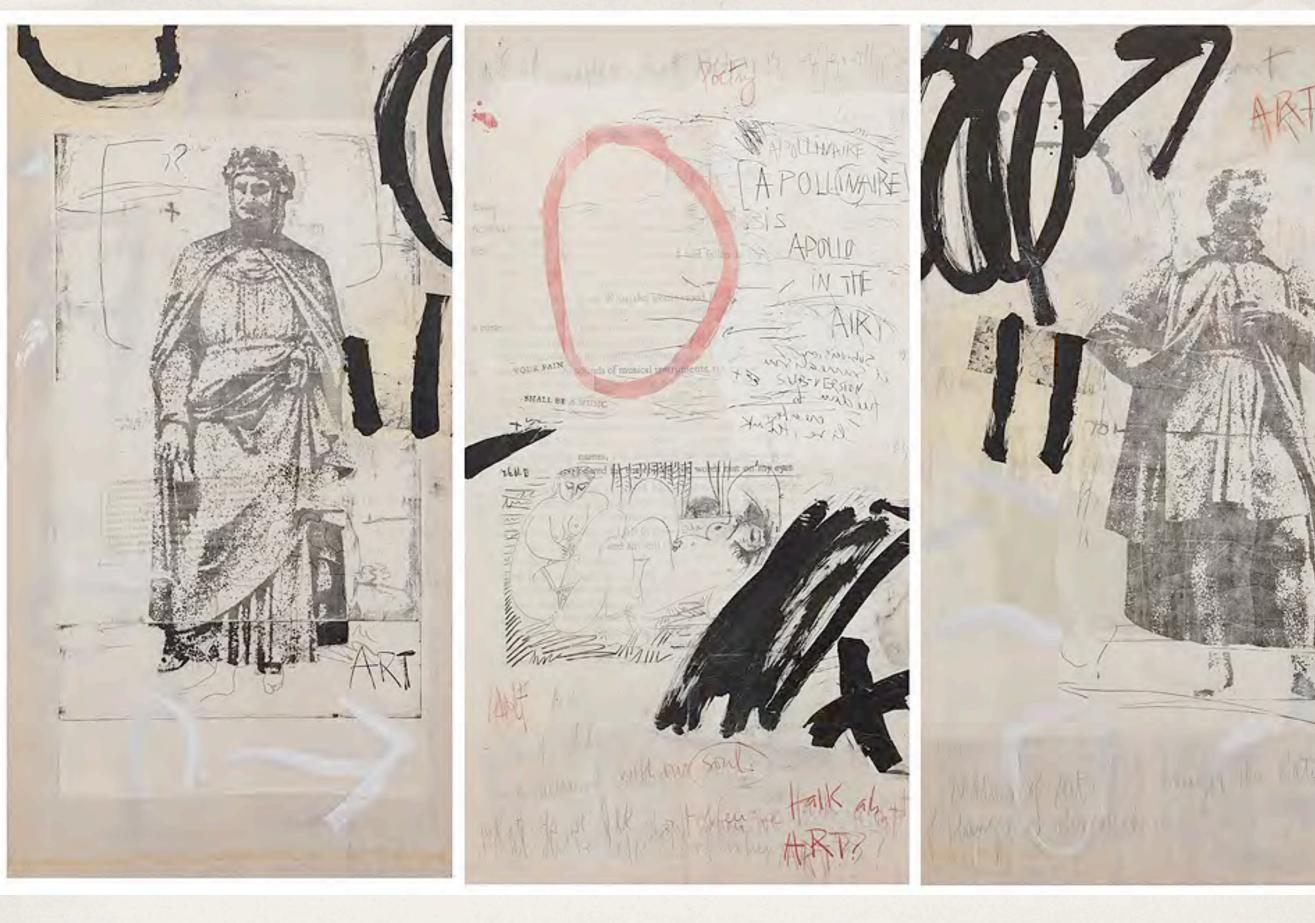
Fragments of prints by Picasso–paradigm of 20th century art–bring the series to a close. *Picasso*, along with *Apollinaire* and *Duchamp*, constitute my trilogy of destroyers /creators, those who changed the way beauty is understood, broadening the horizons of perception. The Picasso images that I reproduced in original lithographs are from the *Suite Vollard*, a series of prints in which Picasso reflects on the artistic process, drawing scenes of the artist and the model in the studio.

For me, *What we talk about when...* was a way to rethink readings from my early years ; it was a process of recognizing that some authors continue to hold interest and others do not, and of confirming my belief that Beauty, with its multiple facets that artists continue to discover, is, for me, an absolute value.

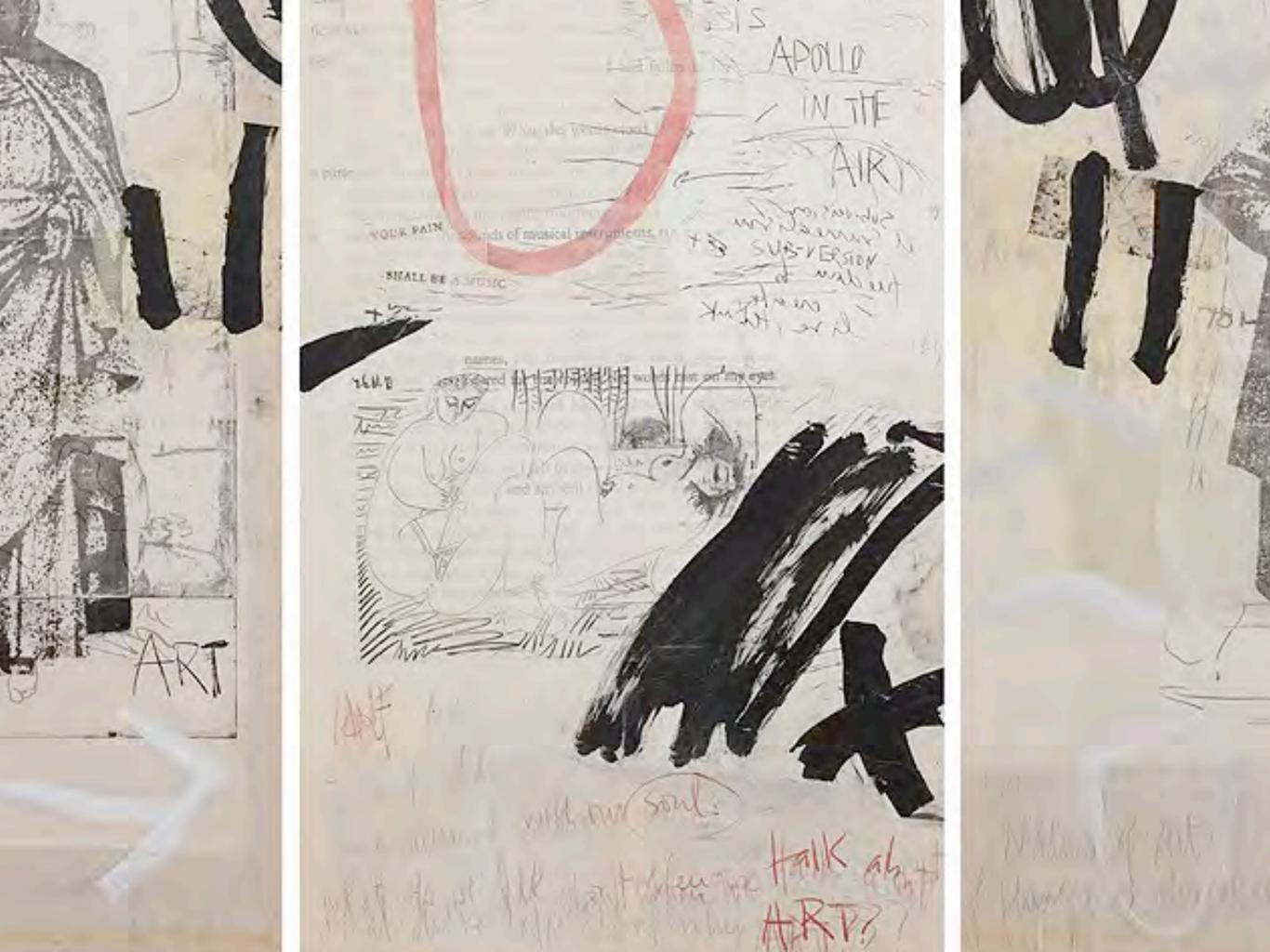


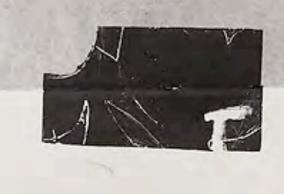
Apoll(in)aire, 2012 Mixed media on canvas 160 X 160 cm





Three tall pieces on poetry , 2012 . Mixed media on canvas 180 x 100 cm each canvas



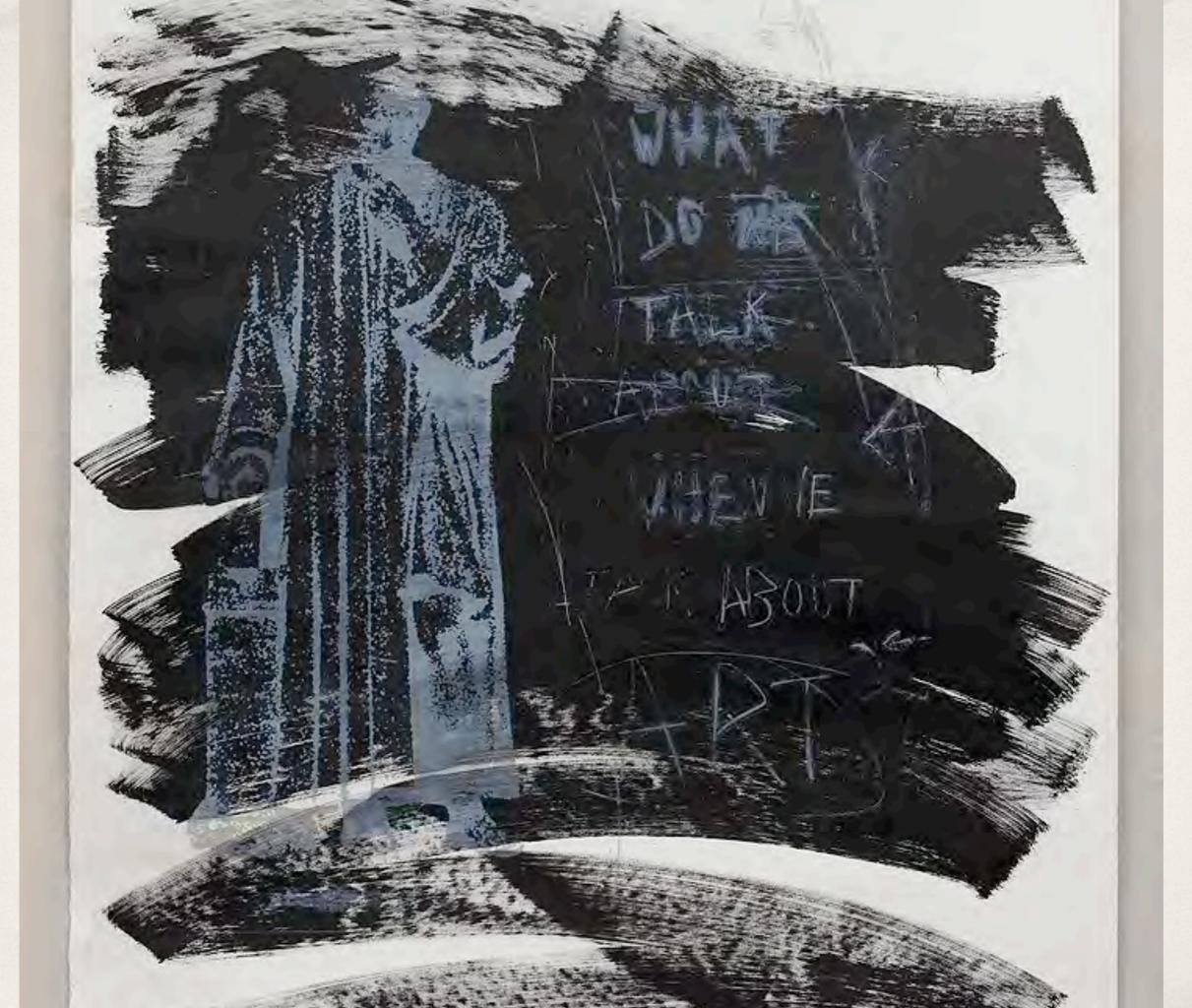


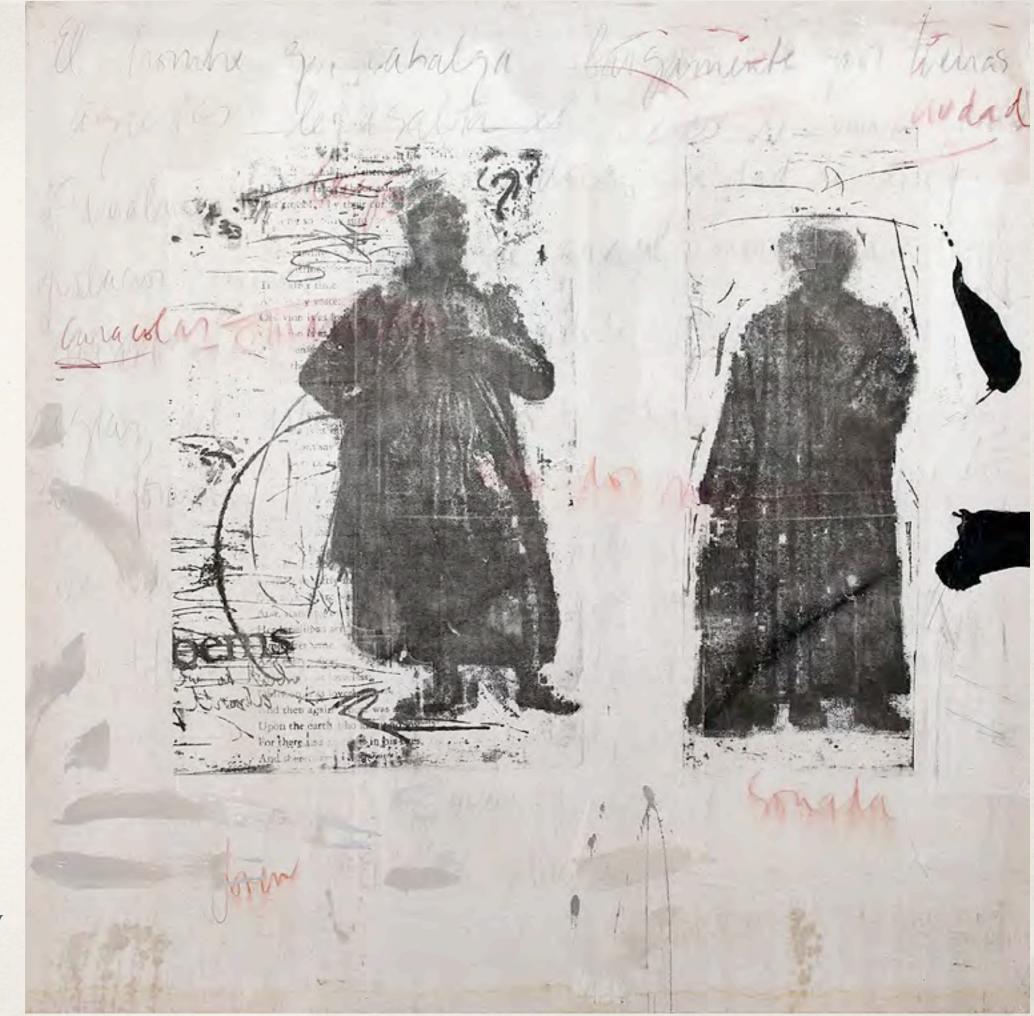
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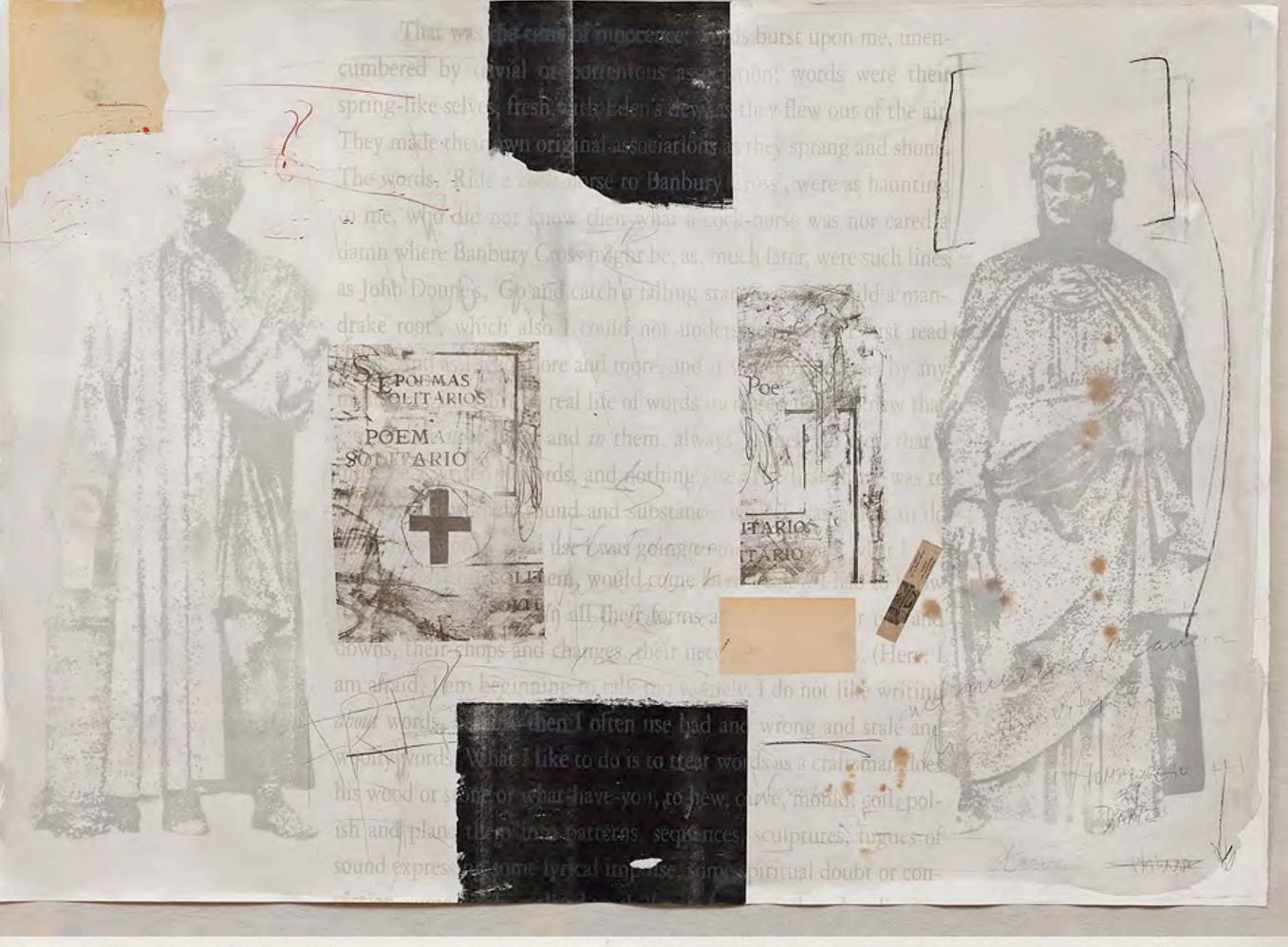
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Two characters,2012 mixed media after a text by Italo Calvino. 160 x 160 cm



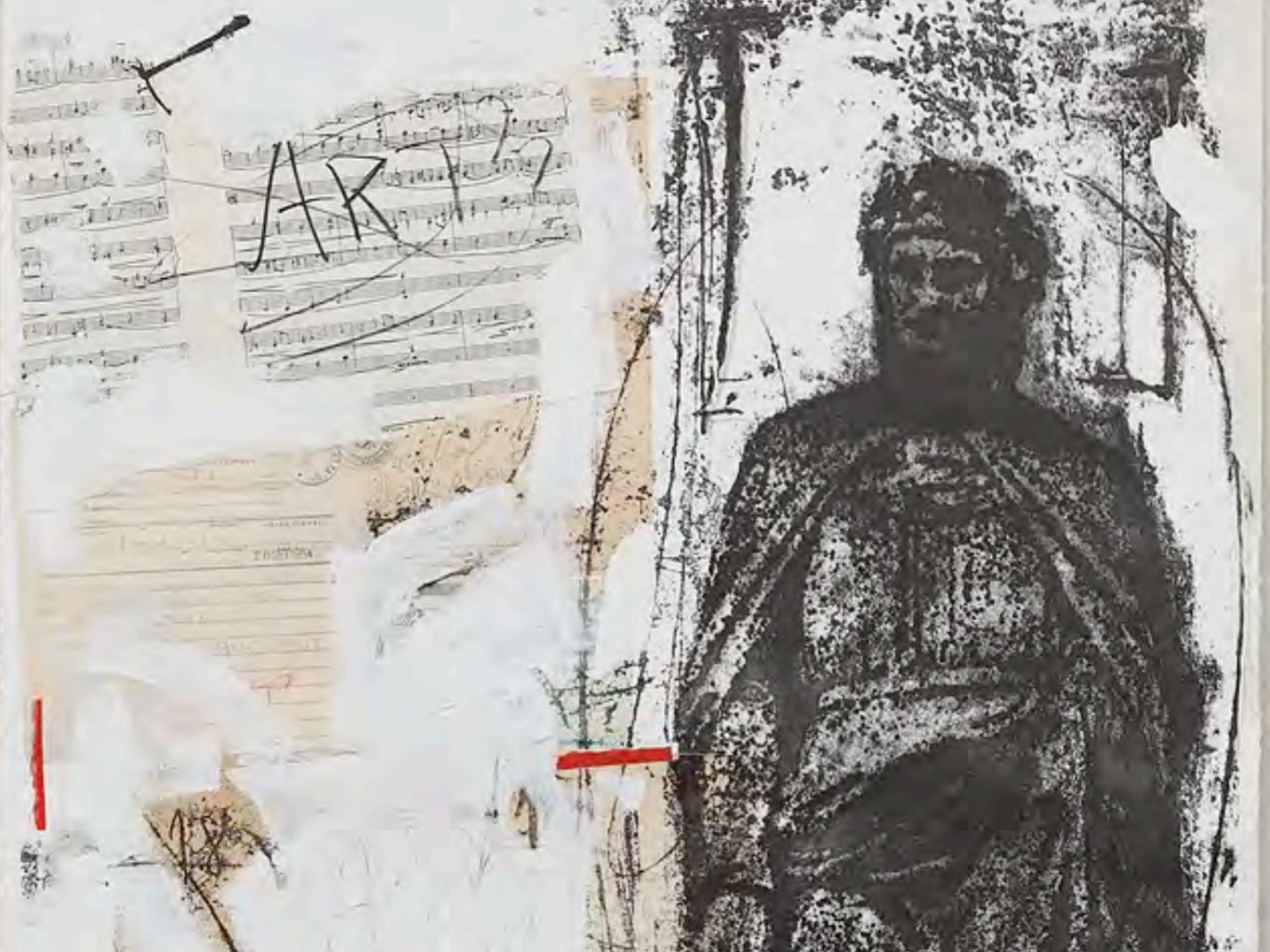
POEMA SOLITARIO, 2012 mixed media on paper 70 x 100 cm

What do words stand for ? 2012 Mixed media on paper 100 x 70 cm

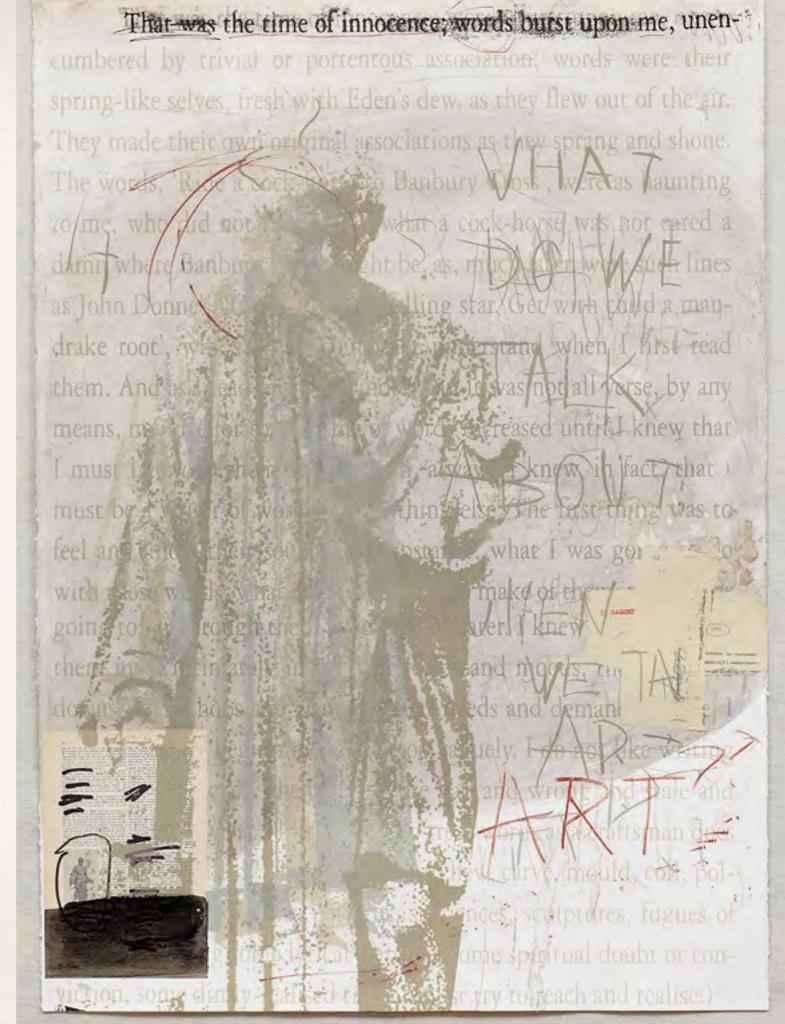


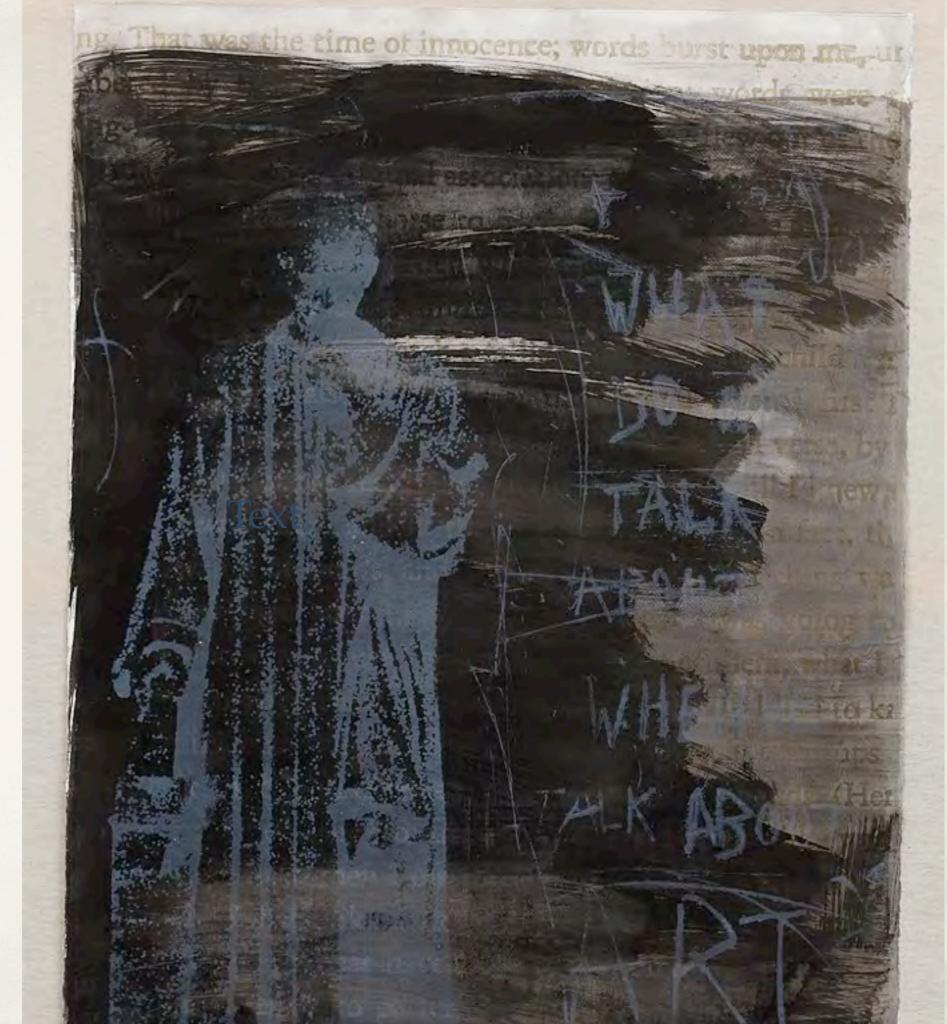
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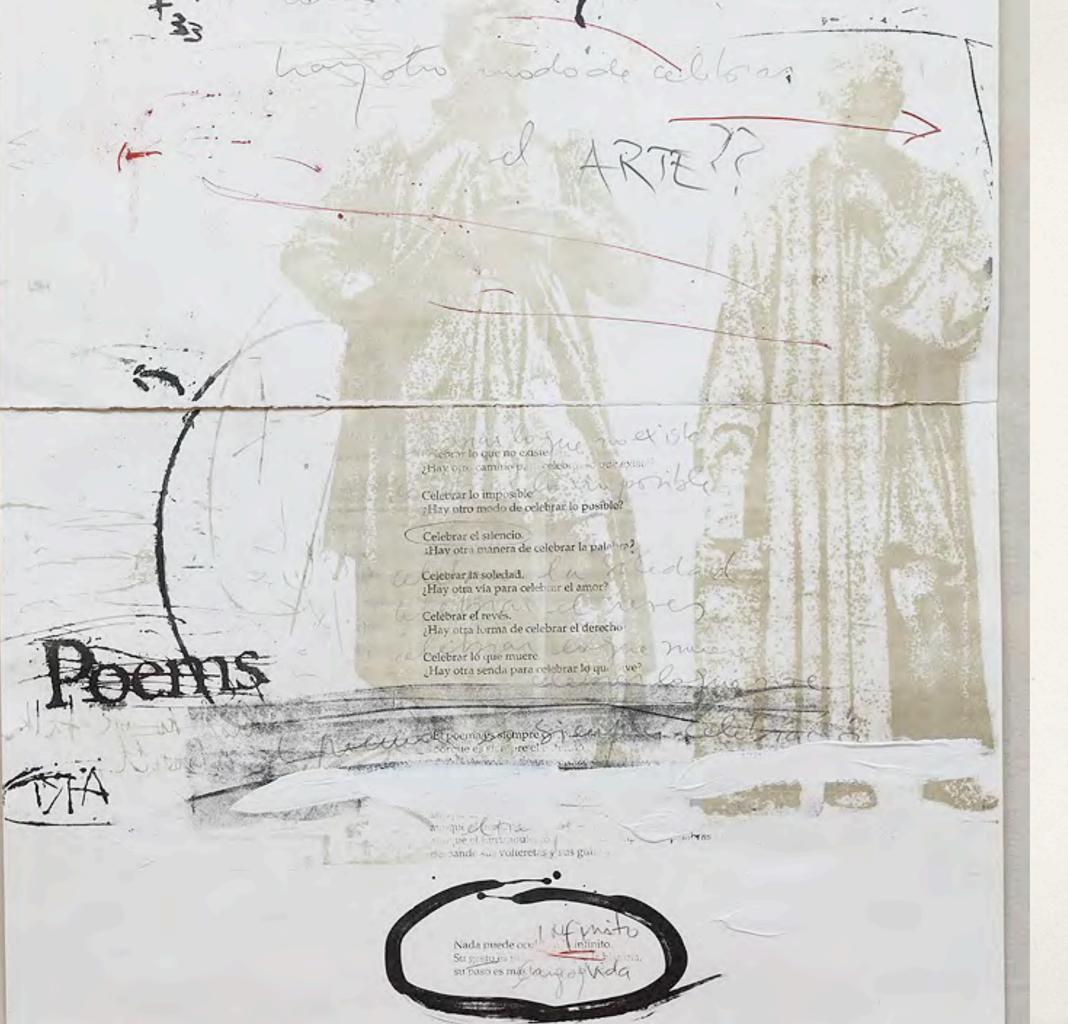




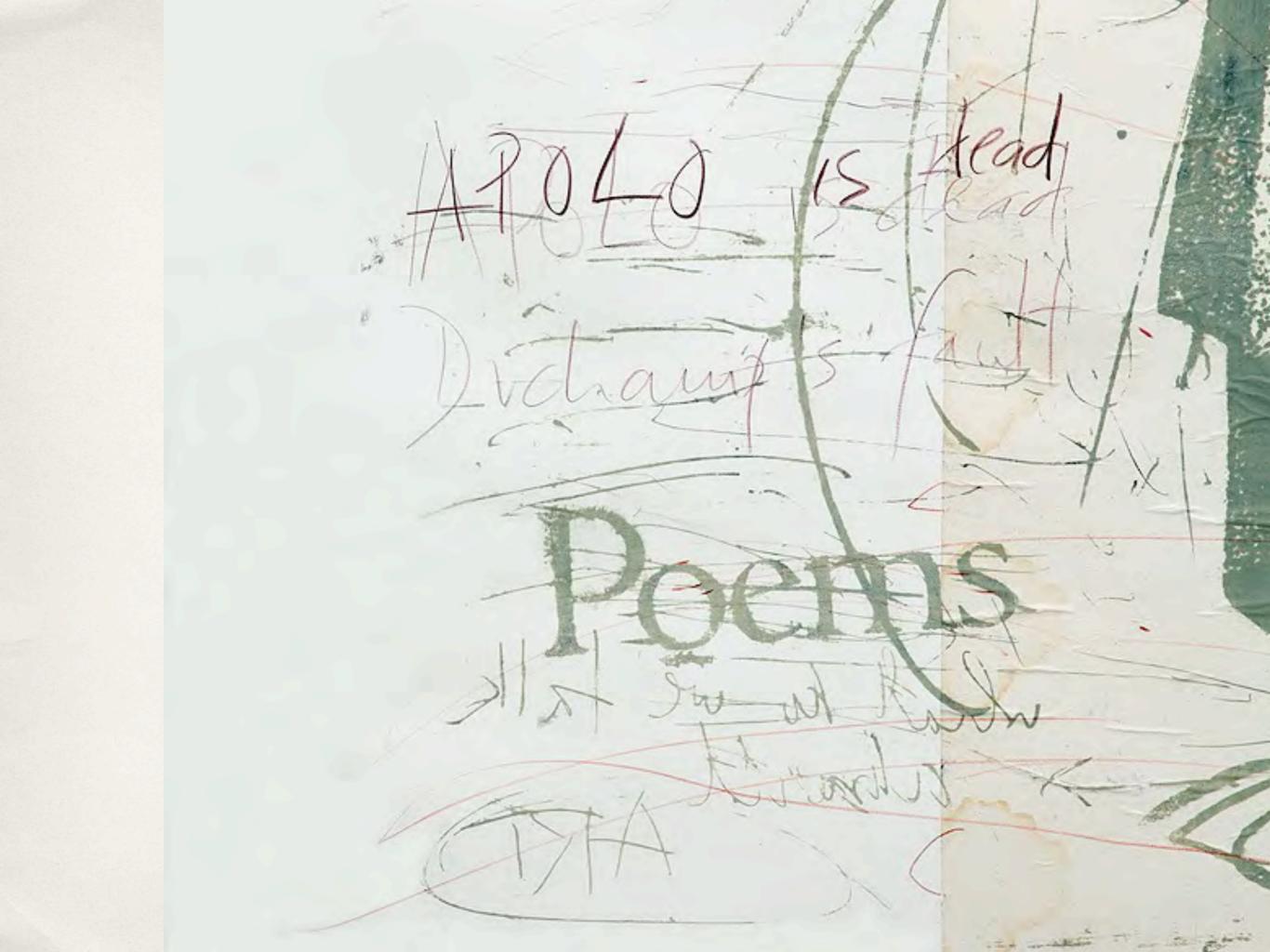
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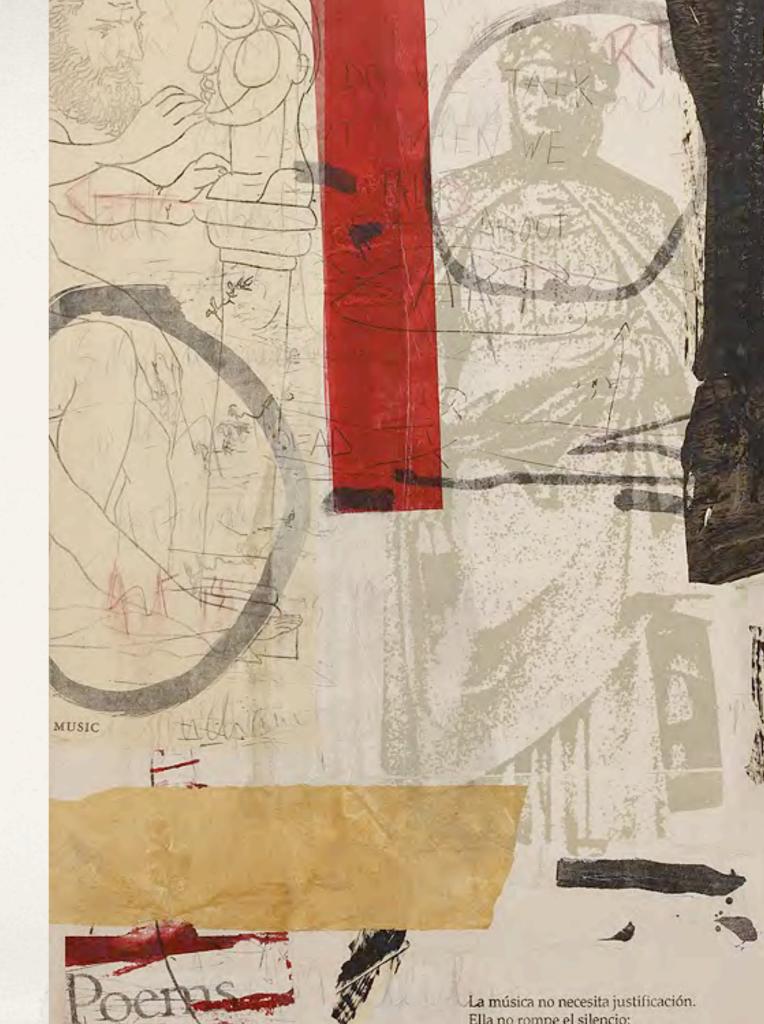
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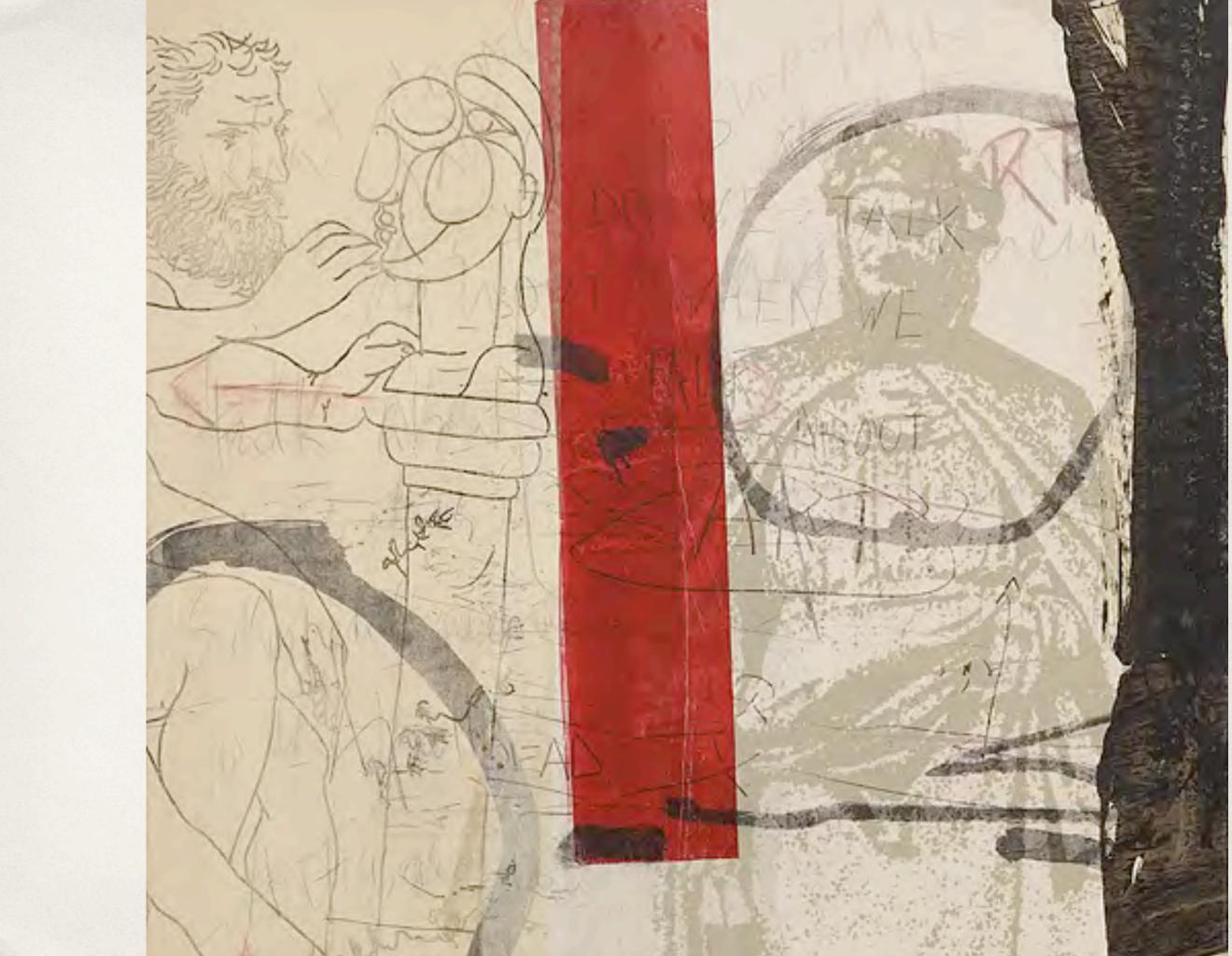




Elogio del Poeta II, 2012 Mixed media on canvas 100 x 70 cm

The Visit , 2012 after reading Balzac's "La chef d'oeuvre inconnu " a reflection on Picasso 's suite Vollard . Mixed media on canvas. 180 x 95 cm







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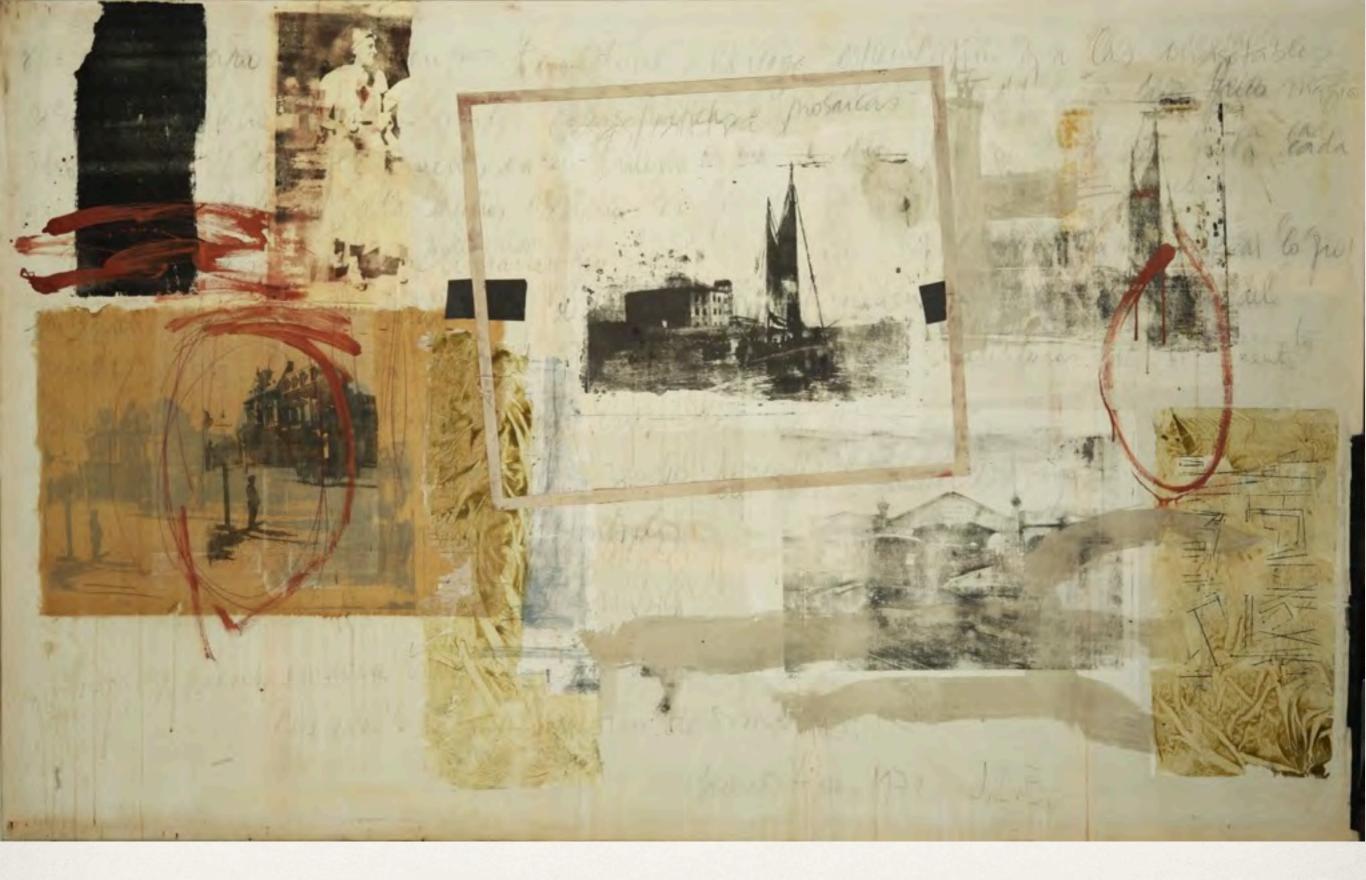
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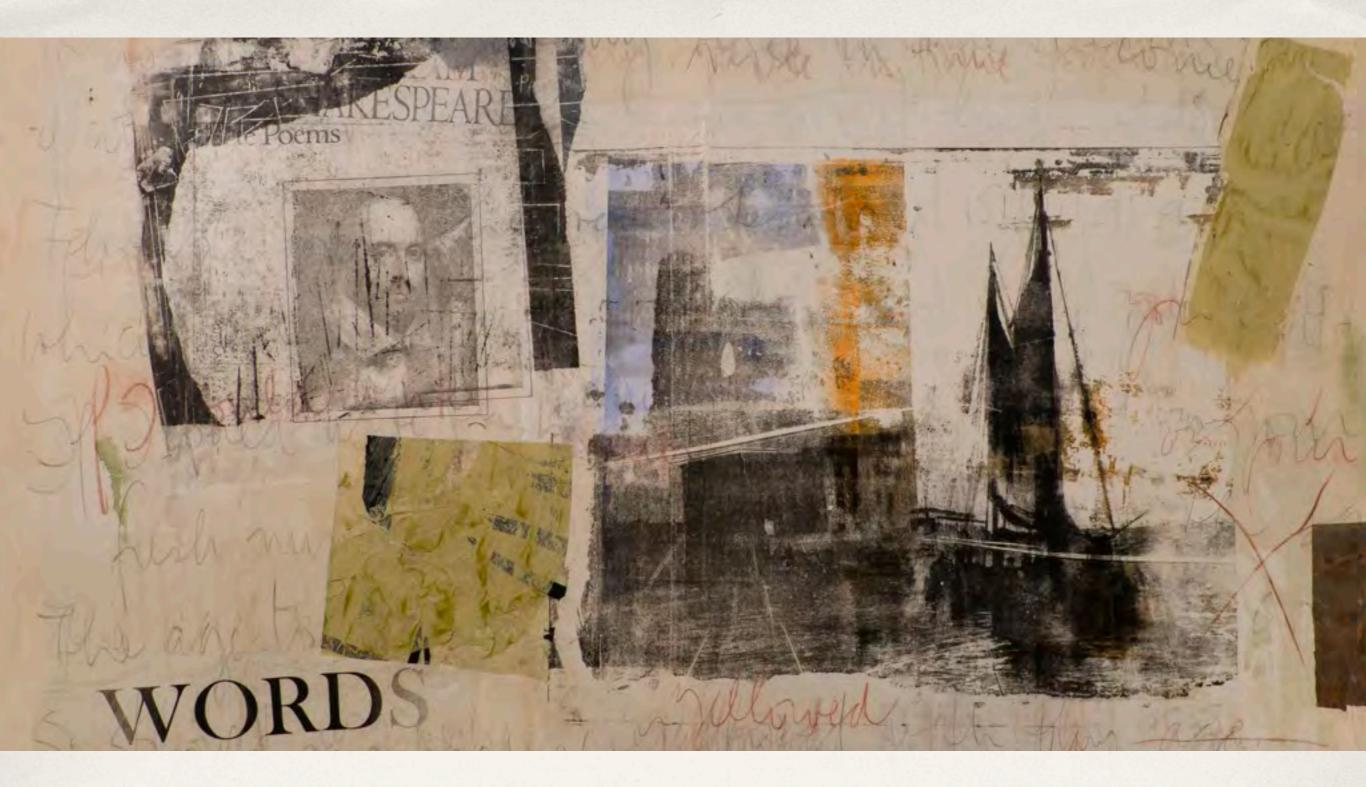
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The following images belong to the series Tales of Migrations , a group of works inspired by photographs of Buenos Aires in the early 19th century . The subject of these pieces is memory and the feeling of distance . Handwritten texts are fragments belonging to letters written by women in my family, as well as texts of a journal written by my great grandmother who lived in Salta (a province in North Argentina) . Letters and journal insistently speak of separation , of distance and of solitude .

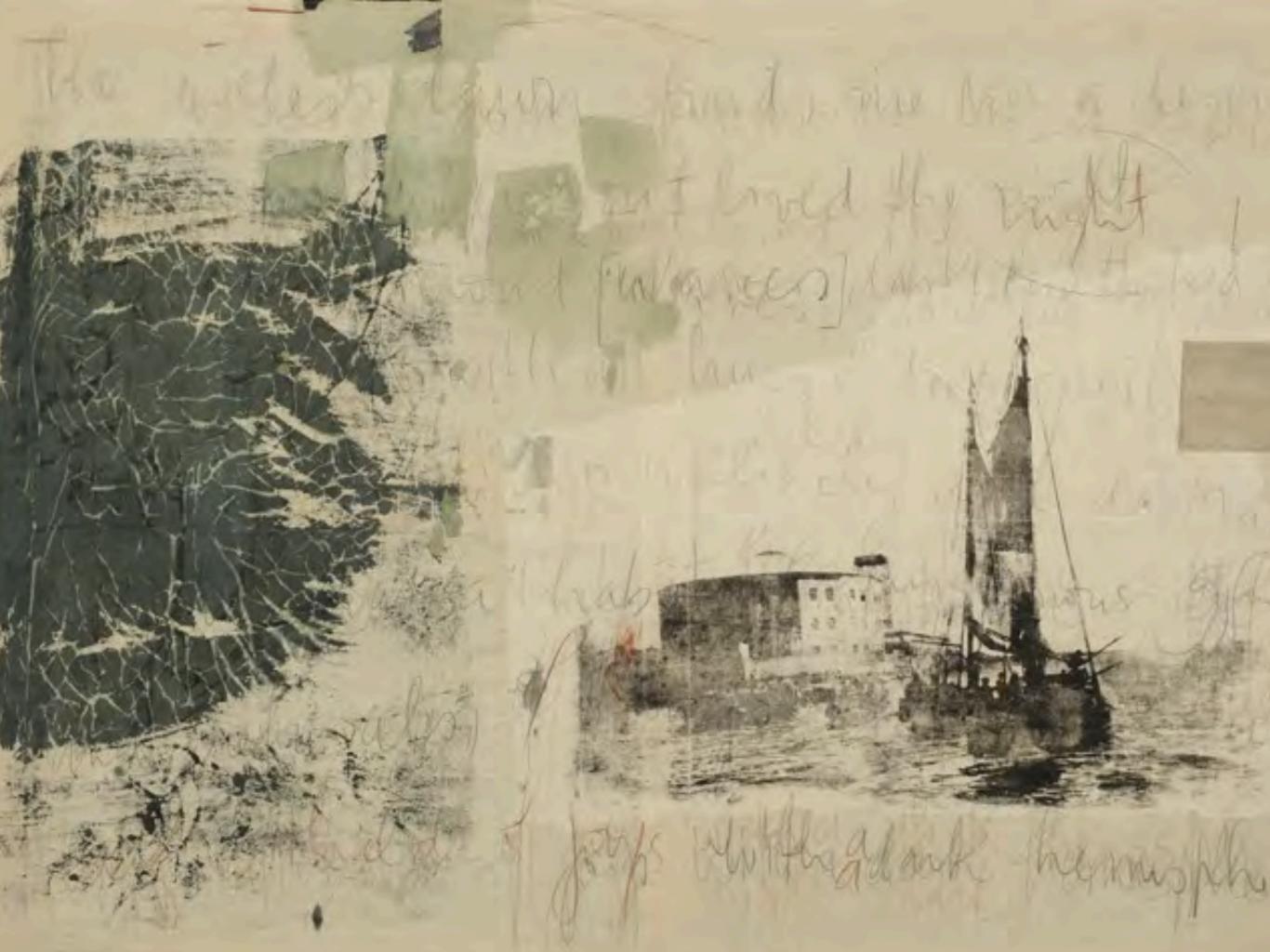


Tales of Migrations , 2011. Mixed media on canvas . 180 x 263 cm





mixed media on canvas , 2009 . Series "Tales of migrations"



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LA NACIONAL, 2010 diptych from the series "Tales of Migrations".

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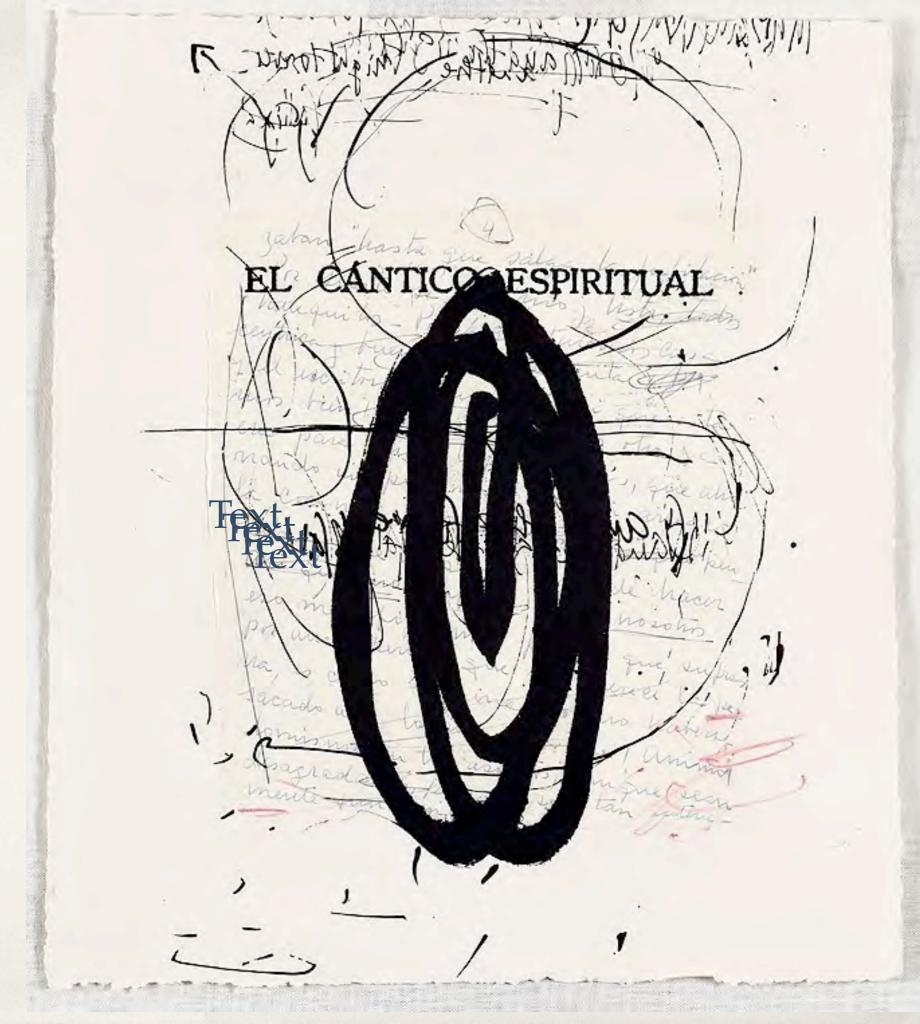
LA ESPERA, detail

El Puerto, 2010 mixed media on canvas 111 x 111 cm

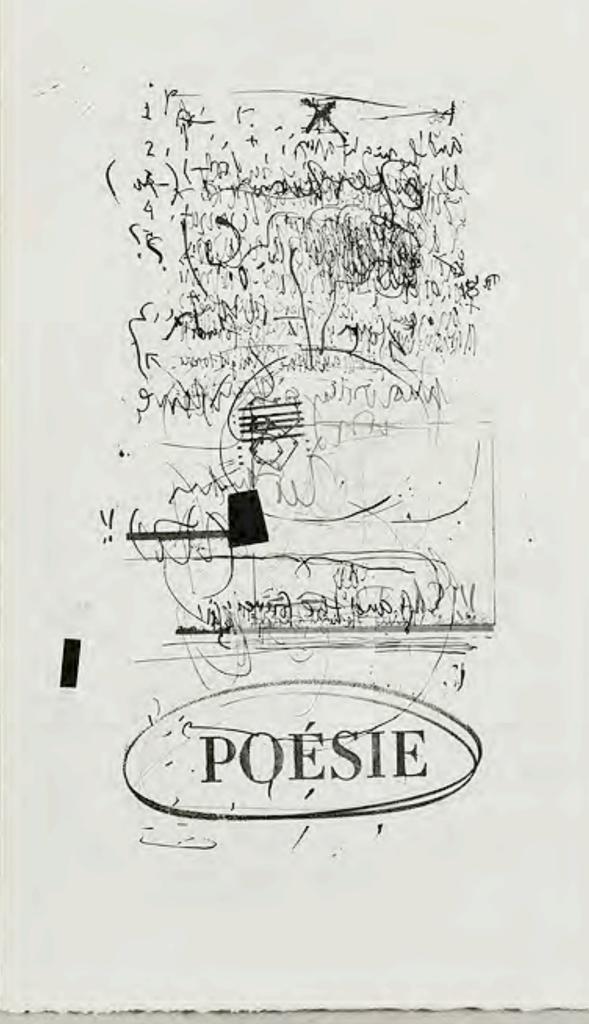


Works on Paper

All mixed media including lithograph, china ink, charcoal, collage. Subjects vary from a series dedicated to John Cage , another reproducing fragments of Cantico Espiritual by San Juan de la Cruz , Dylan Thomas poems and Notes on Poetry , and images from films by film directors of the Nouvelle Vague Series. Working on paper is a big pleasure for me , as it associates with writing , an activity that has grown with me and in me since I can remember .

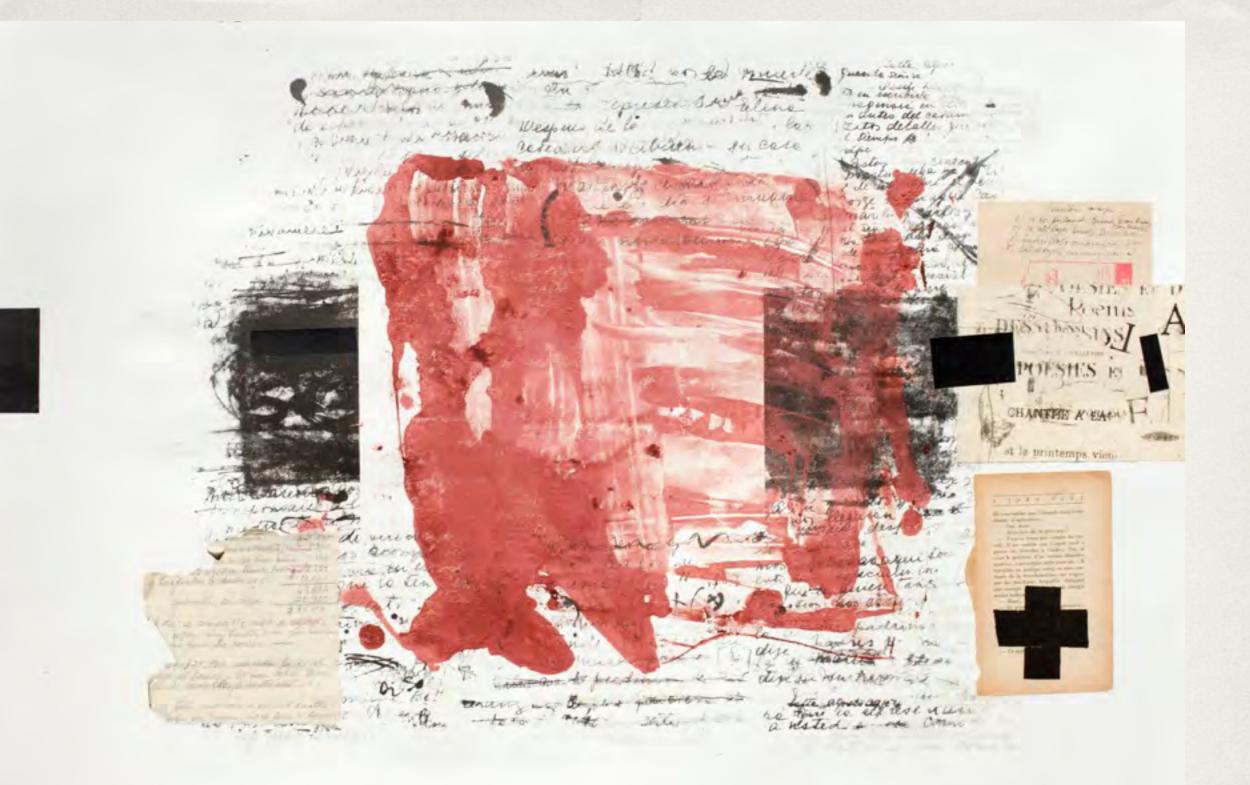


Cántico Espiritual , 2011 Mixed media on paper , 35 x 40 cm









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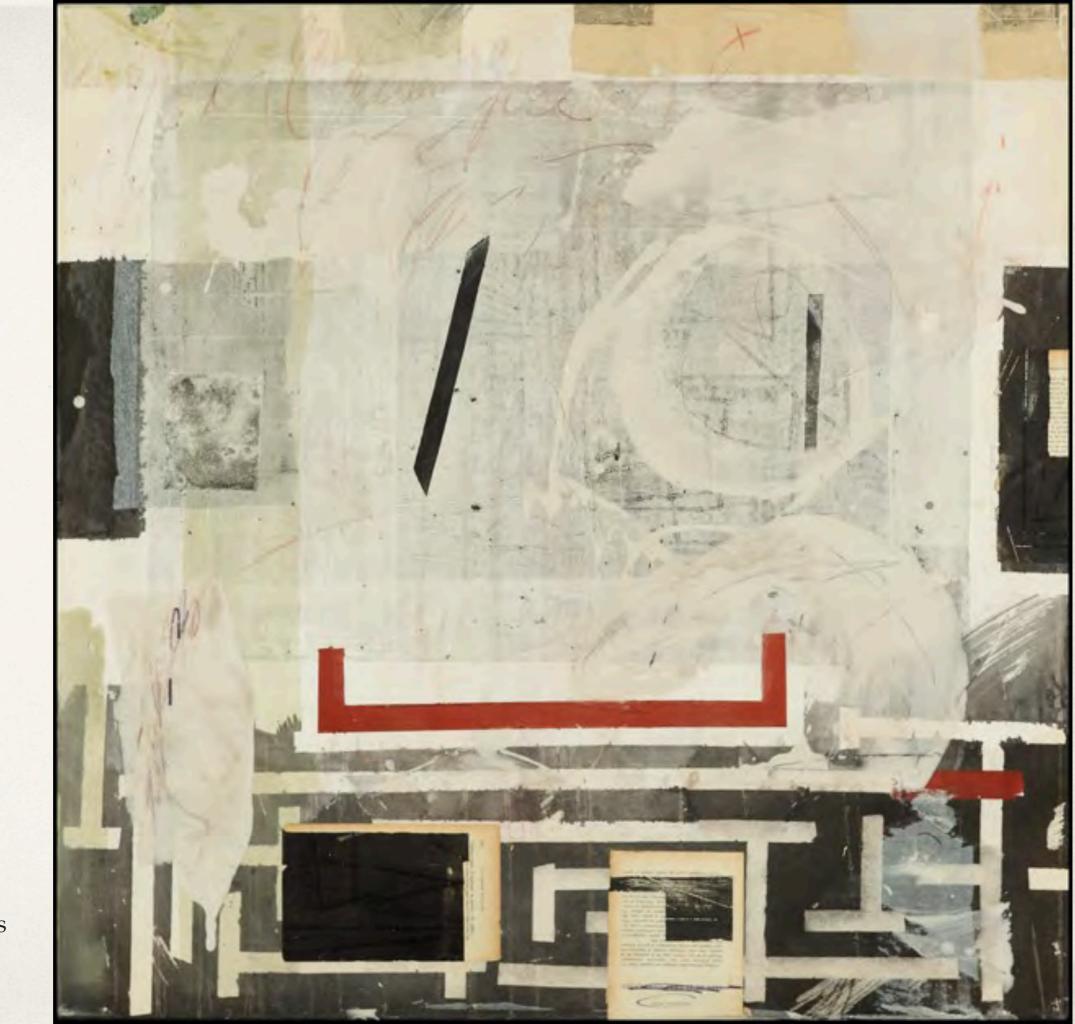
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A memoir of Delos , 2009 mixed media on canvas, 160 x 160 cm



Labyrinth,2009 mixed media on canvas 100 x 100 cm



Labyrinth,2010 mixed media on canvas 140 x 140 cm

Places,mazes,passages,2010 series Dylan Thomas mixed media on paper 70 x 50 cm

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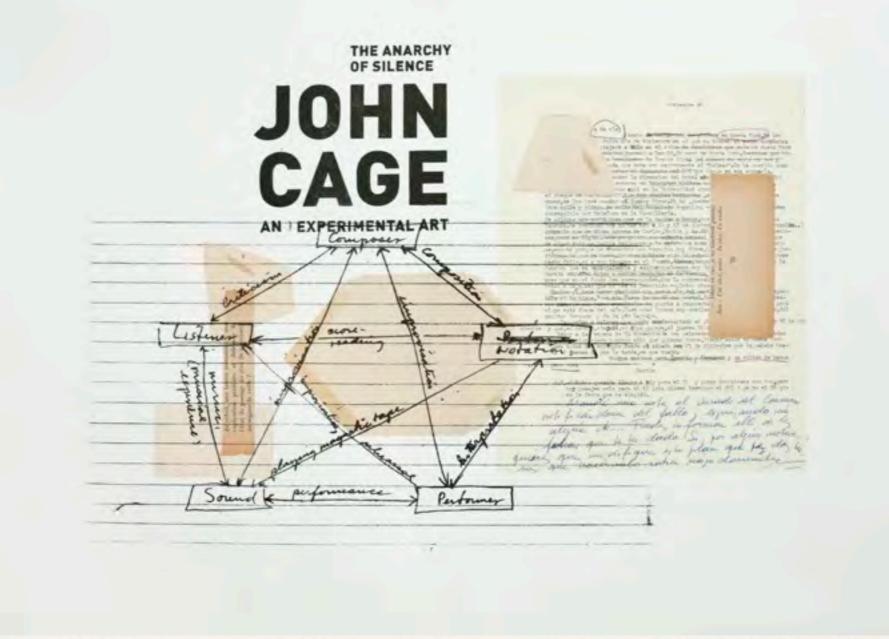
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Mixed media on paper 50 x 70 cm.

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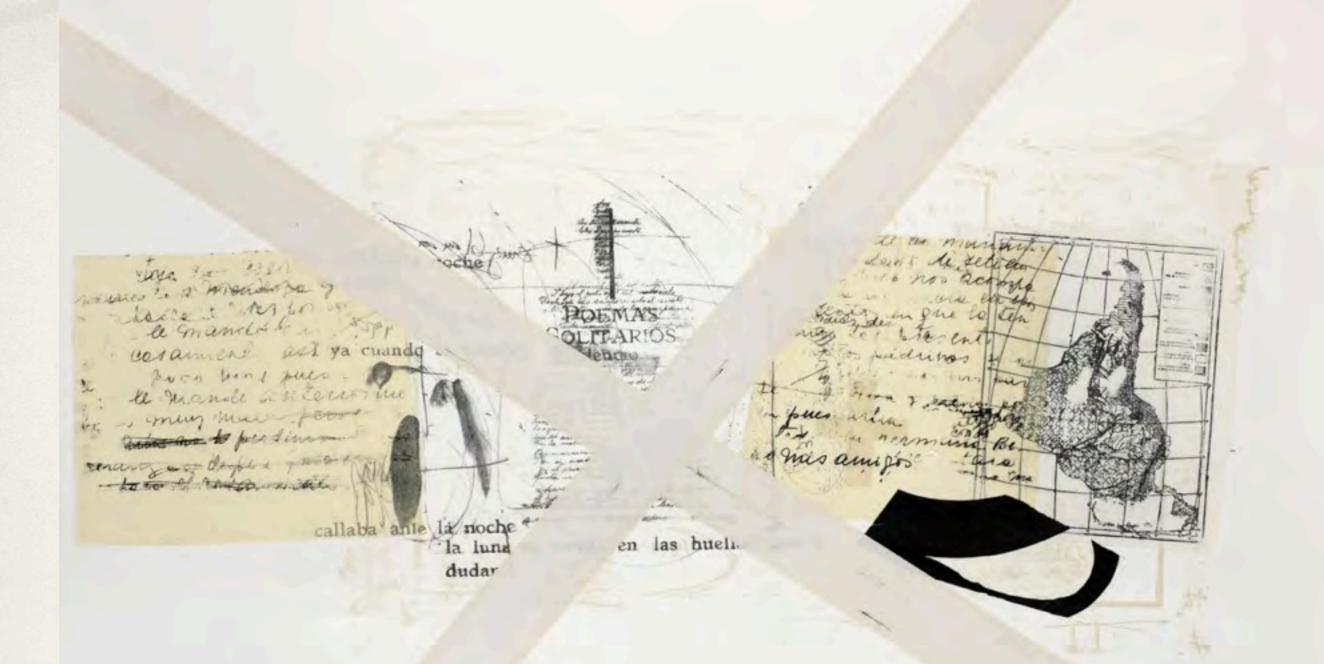
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Victoria & Strawinsky, 2010 Mixed media on paper. 50 x 70 cm (Strawinsky visits Argentina invited by Victoria Ocampo in 1936)



Haikus, 2008 mixed media on paper . A series of 27

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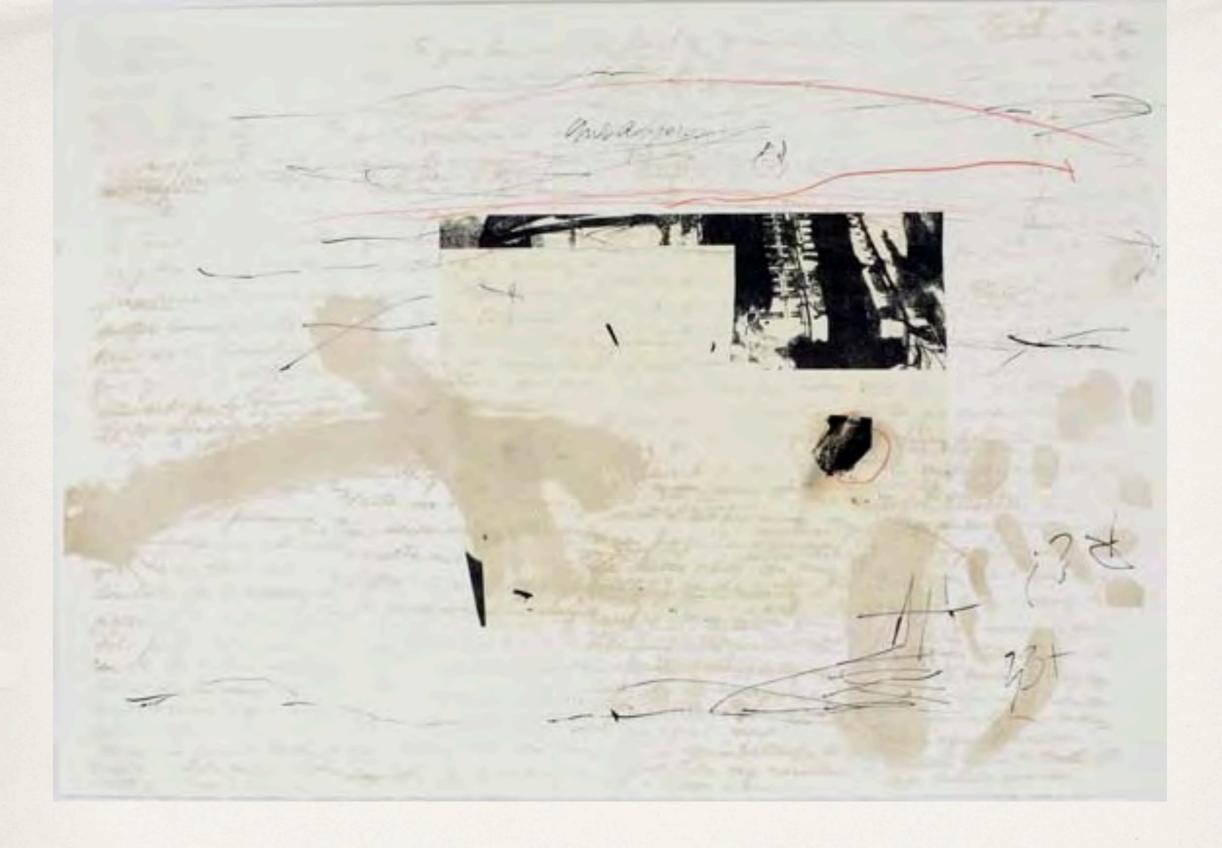








The lower depths, 2008 mixed media on paper , 50 x 70 cm

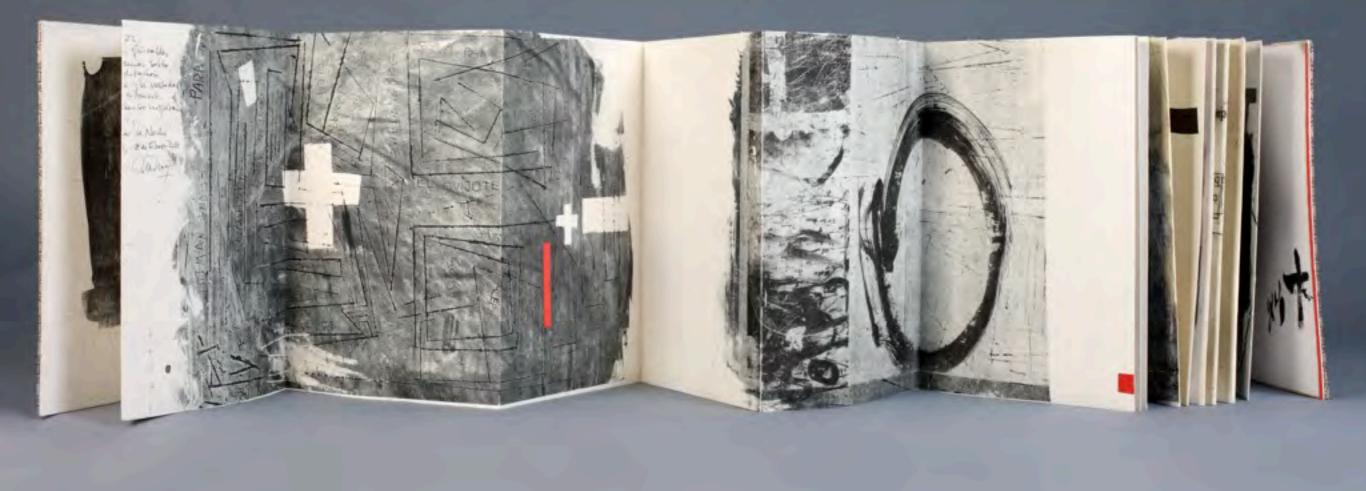


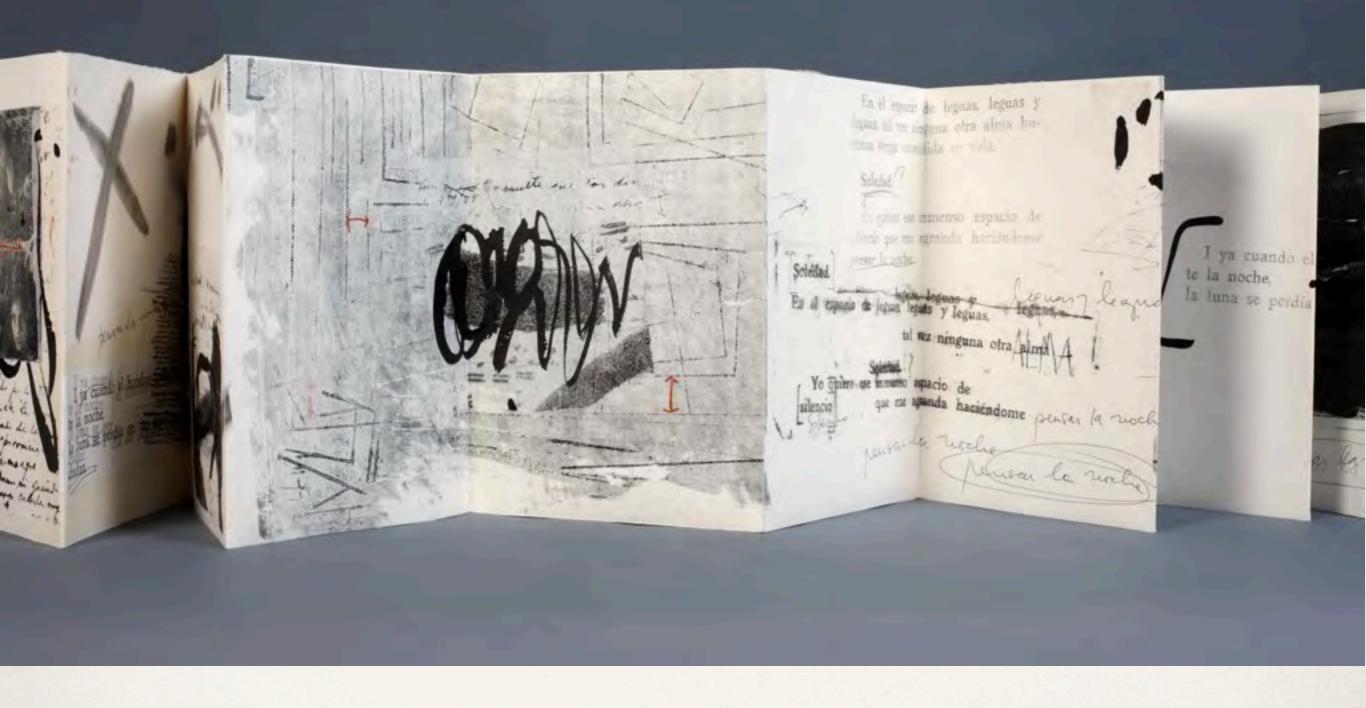
"Beneath daylight", 2008. Mixed media on paper 50 x 70 cm

Artist's Books, 2010

I was born in a house full of books - my grandfather and father both being writers. This was quite natural, like playing with words and falling asleep with the music of the old Remington where my father used to work ...Literature and specifically Poetry has always been my source of inspiration. Maybe that is the reason why I enjoy so much the genre of the Artist Book .











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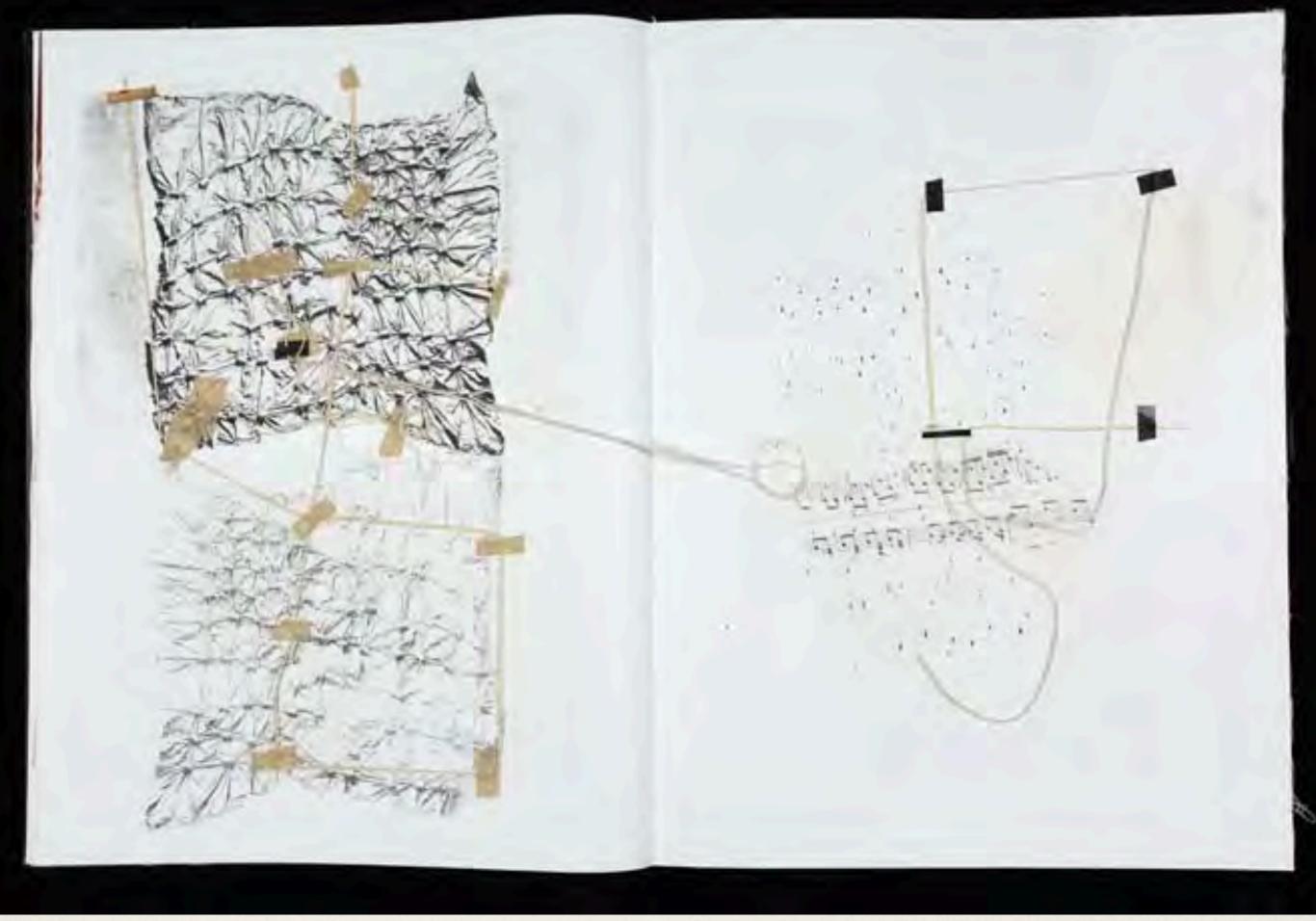
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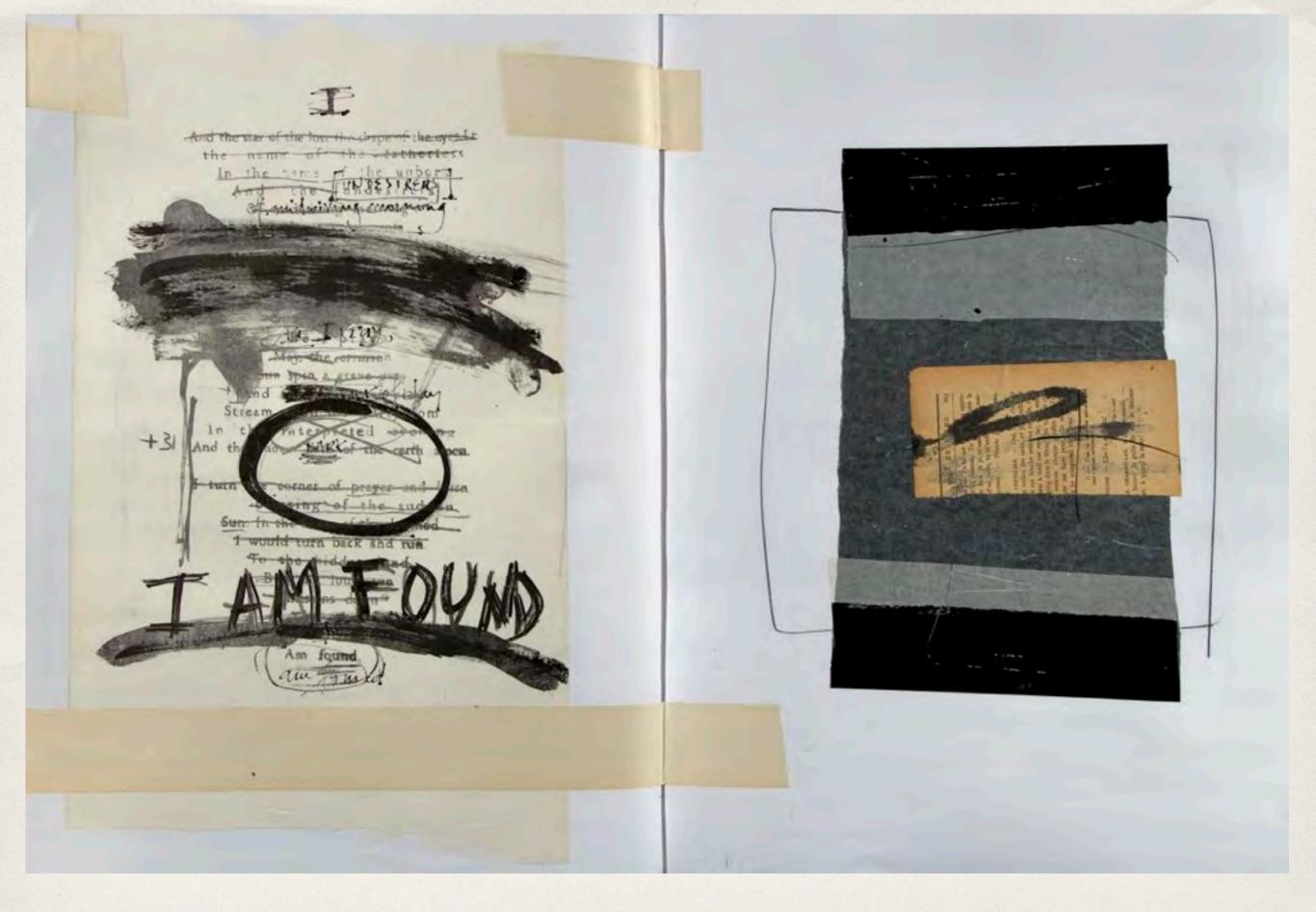
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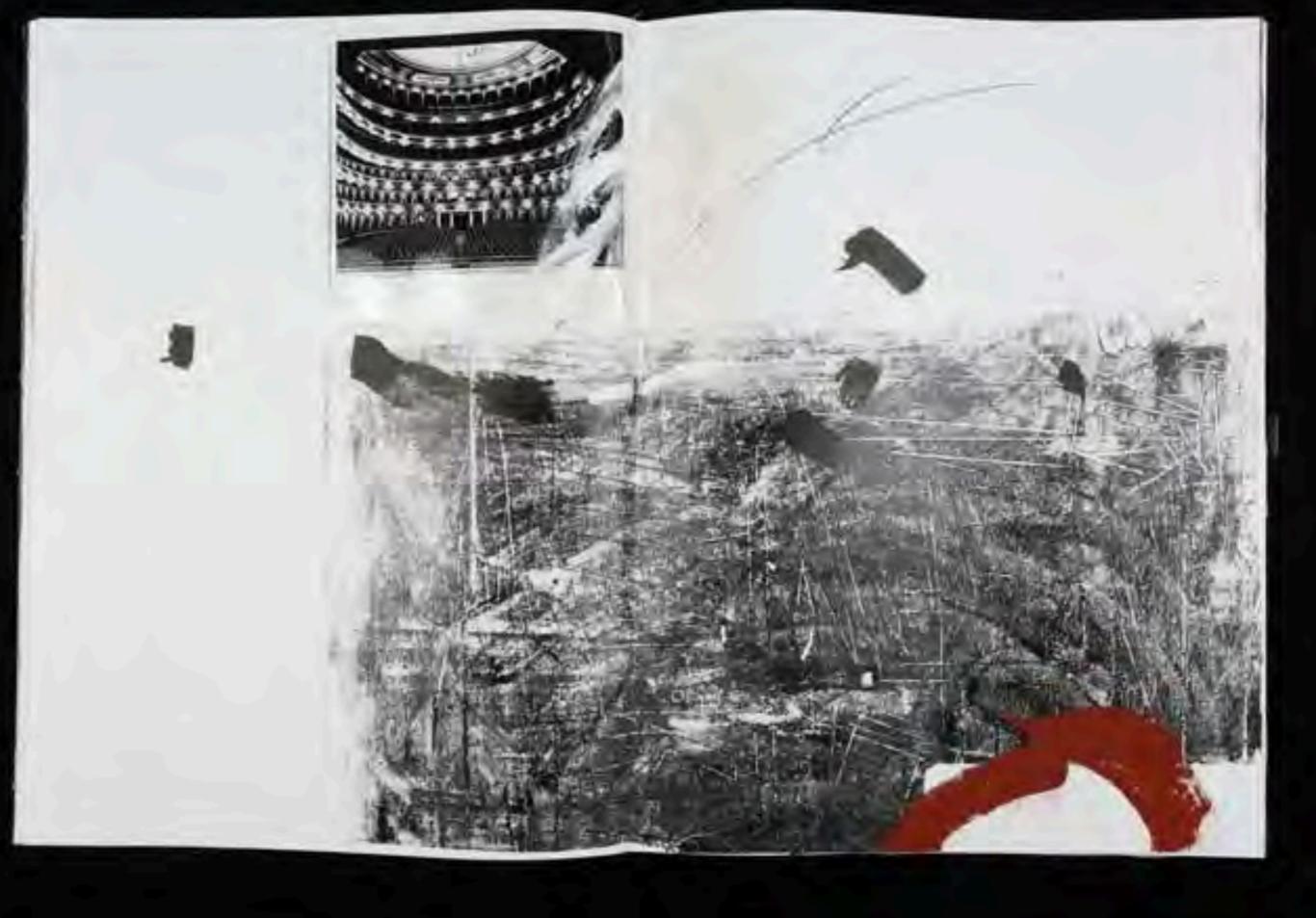


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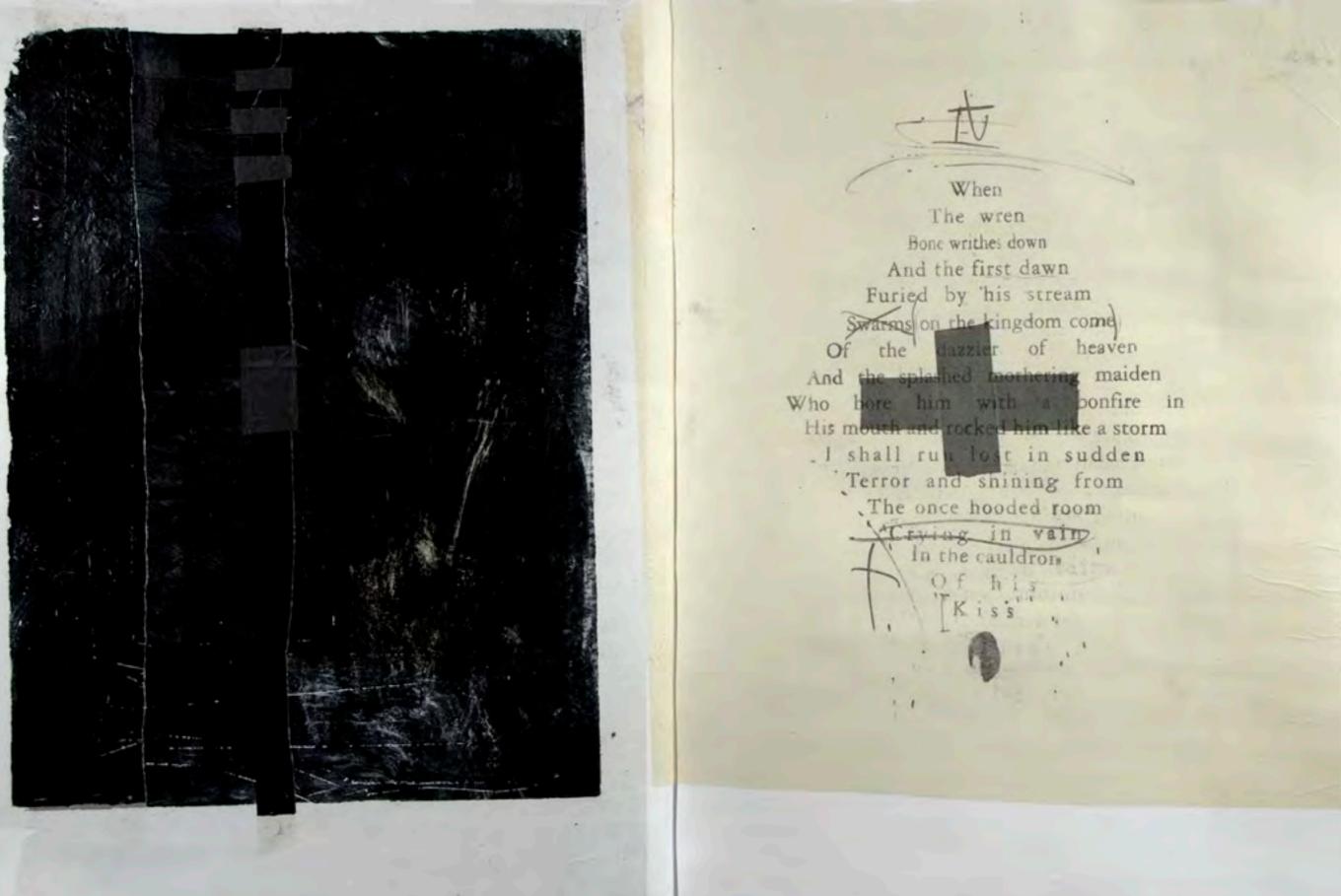
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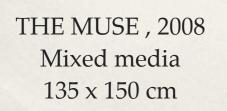


Artist Book, 2010

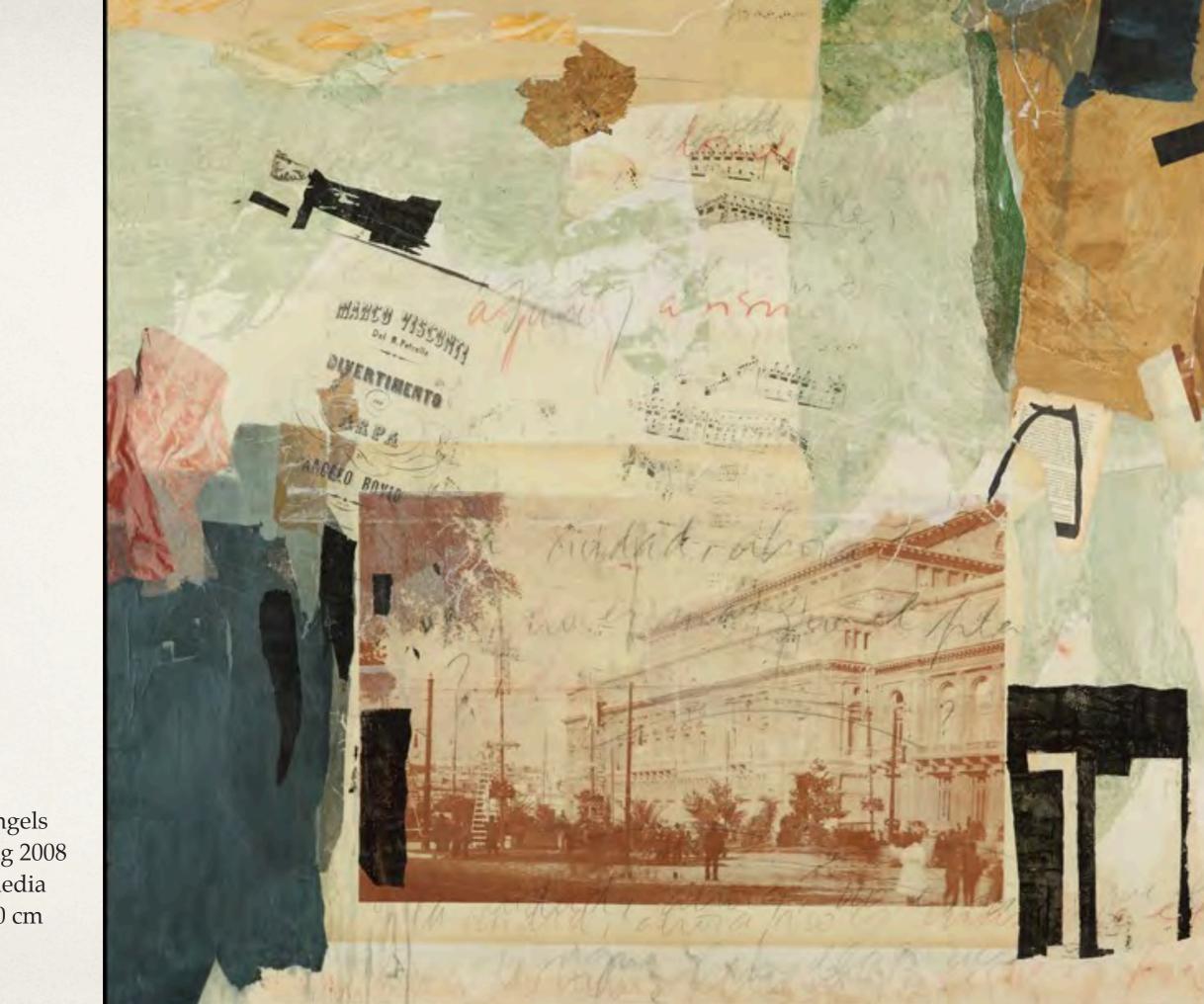
Series Teatro Colon

During 2008 and 2009 our opera house remained closed.

The following pieces were done during that period as a tribute on to the theatre's 100 anniversary.







Where angels used to sing 2008 Mixed media 135 x 150 cm 2012 has been for me a year of deep transformation,I dare say growth. I 've been only showing work produced during 2011 and first months of 2012 . As from March 2011 I've been devoted to investigation and meditation .

I started consistently writing: poetic prose, short stories and a pieces of writing where the use of the stream of consciousness is the main technique . I am considering transferring all these written pages to lithographic stone / calcographic plates and printing simultaneously those who belong to a same story ,creating by this means an interweave of meaning and a concentration in Present of a piece of literature that otherwise develops in Time . I am really excited about this idea of condensing the most primary trace , my own calligraphy, in a sort of visual texture where the beginning and the end of an idea are simultaneous . Well... that s my present work *in process* ...

I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on November 25th, 1965. I studied at the School of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires as well philosophy and art history at the University of Buenos Aires. Im a tireless traveller and a passionate reader . In 1989–1991 I settled in Naples (Italy) and Milan. During a stay in Cairo in 1990, I learned techniques for paper manufacturing and the use of vegetable dyes. My father and grandfather being prestigious Argentinian writers, Literature is a main character in my life and in my work. I have dedicated series of works to J. L. Borges, whom I knew well , to Octavio Paz, Juan de la Cruz, Paul Valery and Fernando Pessoa.I can consider two lines in the genetic of my work : one realated to Literature as already said and another one related to ancient craftsmanship, rooted in the cultures of North Argentina, region devoted to pottery and textiles. My mother s family comes from Salta , a province where clay , pottery and textiles are preeminent . I feel a strong affinity to Eastern knowledge which led me to studying, for five years, Zen philosophy and arts with Father Ismael Quiles, a referent for these disciplines in Argentina.

Since 2009 I ve been involved in the different graphic techniques such as etching on polimer and lithography and investigating the genre of the Artist Book . 2012 has been for me a year of deep transformation, I dare say growth.

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I made my first individual exhibition in 1989, in Buenos Aires. Since then, I ve been continually exhibiting my work in Argentina and abroad.

- PINTA Art Fair, Aina Nowack Gallery , London , UK
 - PINTA Art Fair, Aina Nowack Gallery , New York , USA.
 - MONACO Art Fair, Aina Nowack Gallery, Forum Grimaldi , Montecarlo
 - MORE THAN WORDS, Jagged Art Gallery, London

- 2011 PINTA Art Fair , Aina Nowack Gallery , London , UK
 - PINTA Art Fair , Aina Nowack Gallery , New York , USA.
 - ARTE BA Agalma Arte Gallery , Buenos Aires
- 2010 PINTA Art Fair , Aina Nowack Gallery , London , UK
 - Tales of Migrations , Jagged Art Gallery , London , UK
 - Labyrinths & Poems . Solo show . A.R.C. Fine Art LLC , New York
 - Miquel Barcelo , Maria Noel & E Stupia at Aina Nowack Gallery, Madrid , Spain.
- PINTA Art Fair , Aina Nowack Gallery , New York , USA.
 - Group Show , ARC Fine Art , Fairfield Ct . USA
 - Arte BA09 Agalma Gallery , Buenos Aires , Argentina
 - Variations on Paper AAC Gallery, Madrid , Spain
- PINTA Art Fair (one-woman show), New York, USA A. Nowack Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 - ARTE BA Agalma Arte Gallery , Buenos Aires
 - Five English Poems , Project on commission by private collector , London , UK
- PINTA Art Fair (one-woman show), New York, USA
 - A. Nowack Contemporary Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 - "Contemporáneo Argentino", Hotel de Russie, Roma, Italia
 - BA ART, Eyestorm Gallery, London, UK
 - "Elogio de la Fragilidad" (In Praise of Fragility), (one-woman show). Recoletos Quince Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 - Art-Madrid Fair, Arte Privado Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 - "Buenos Artes", curated by Barbara Cicero, Rome, Italy
- Installation: "Juegos con el Tiempo y con el Infinito" An homage to J.LBorges. Chateau de Chaumont sur Loire, France (Contest & Award).
 - Exhibition in Madrid (June 2006), curated by Aína Nowack
 - "Buenos Artes", Barbara Cicero Gallery, Capalbio, Italy



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