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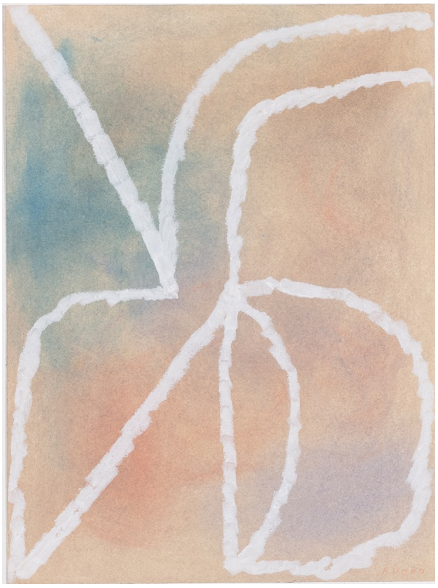

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***Reception Saturday March 14th, 4 - 6 pm**

Winston Wächter Fine Art is pleased to present *Meditations in an Emergency*, a solo exhibition of new work by Seattle artist Joe Rudko.

Pastel drawing has become central to Joe Rudko's practice over the past year, marking a shift from a career rooted primarily in photography and collage. Drawing began as a quiet, early-morning routine as a mental health practice, and in this recent period, it has moved fully into the studio and into view. Working in soft layers of pastel, Rudko builds shifting fields of color that serve as a foundation for intuitive mark-making. The work offers a respite from photographic fact, moving into moods, atmosphere, and embodied sensation. It describes internal states while preserving traces of care, attention, and ever-shifting emotional weather.

"I draw from 15 years of making photographic work, as well as a strong desire to move beyond photography and its limitations. Using oil pastels has become a way to simplify my practice and take complete control of my medium, without relying on the content of found or collected photographs. Through the ritual and repetition of drawing, these works reflect meditative play, deep joy, moments of crisis, and the persistent effort to stay within myself." – Joe Rudko

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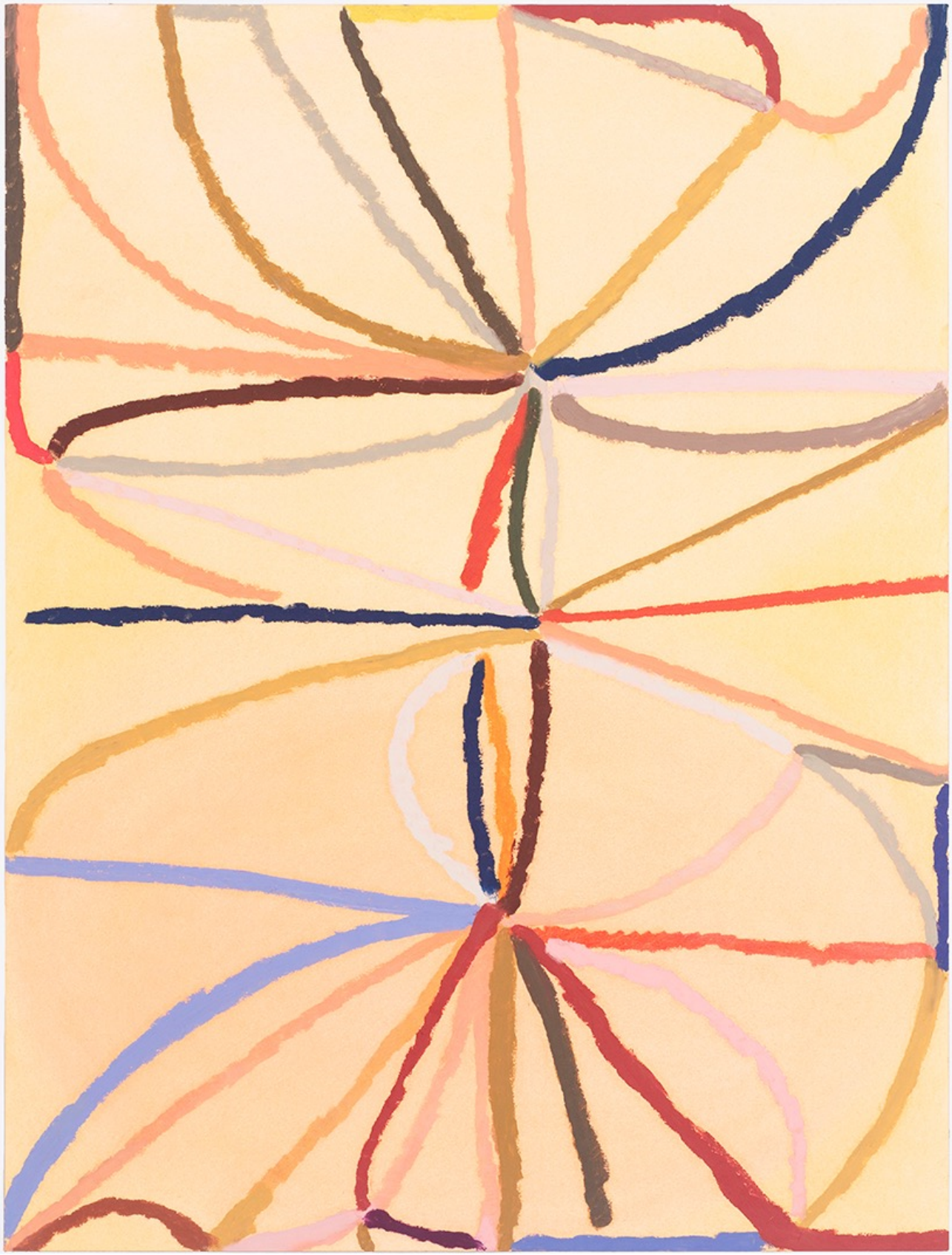
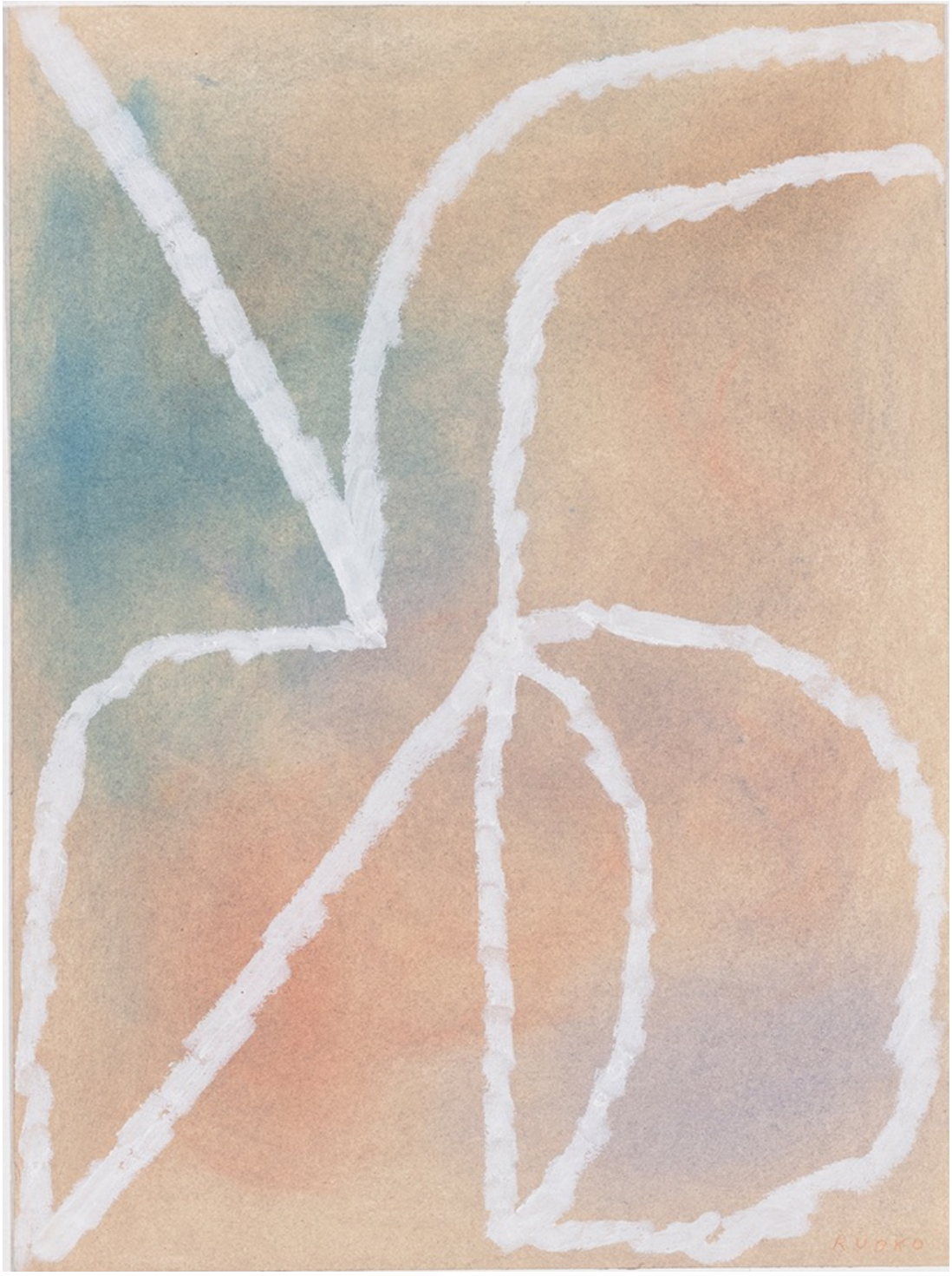


Joe Rudko, Light Through Closed Eyes, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 24 x 18 inches, Framed size 26.25 x 20.25 x 1.5 inches, $3000

Joe Rudko, Jug, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Chandelier, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 30 x 22.5 inches, Framed size 32.25 x 24.75 x 1.5 inches, $4800

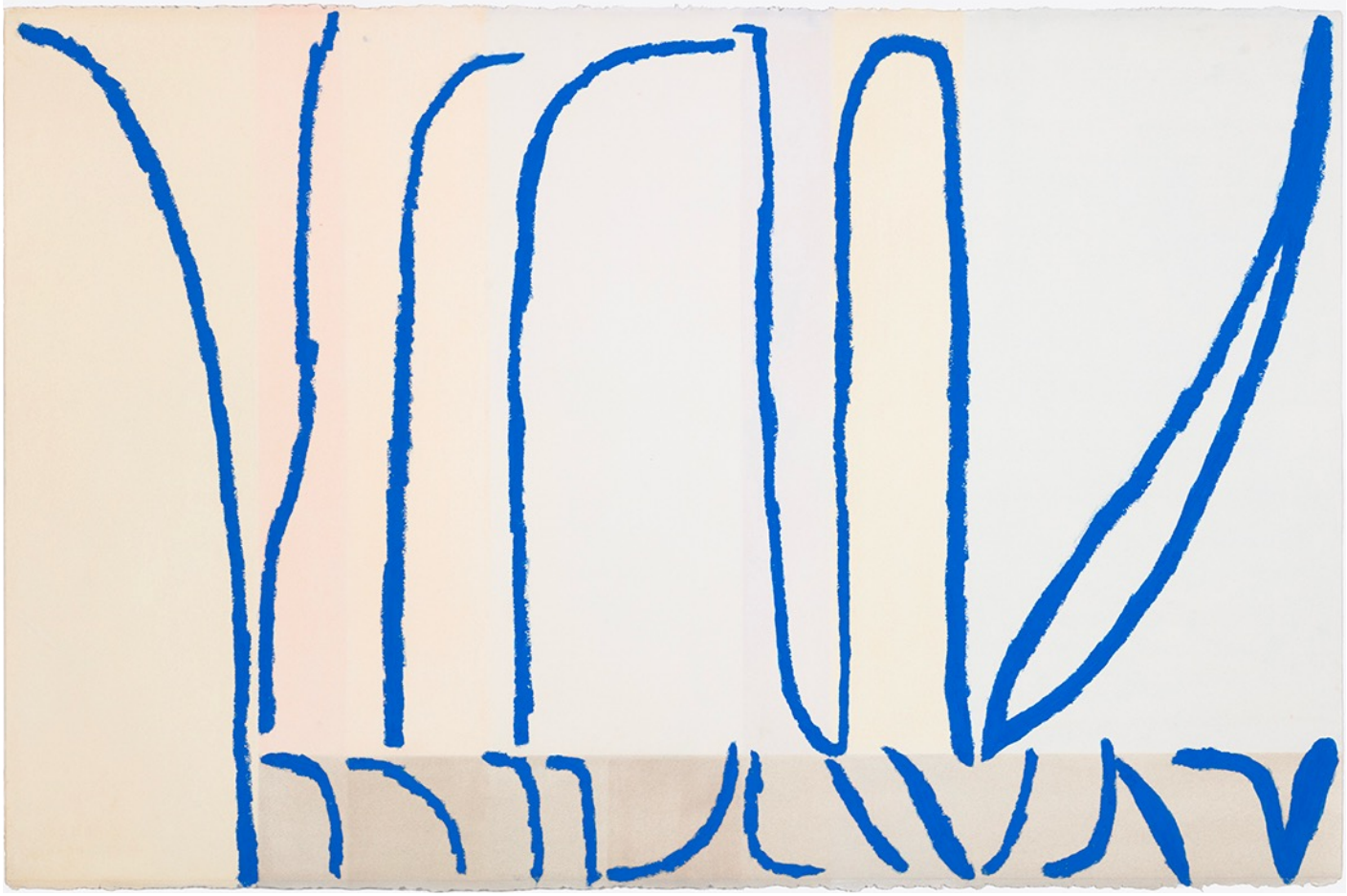


Joe Rudko, Oyster, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Kintsugi, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

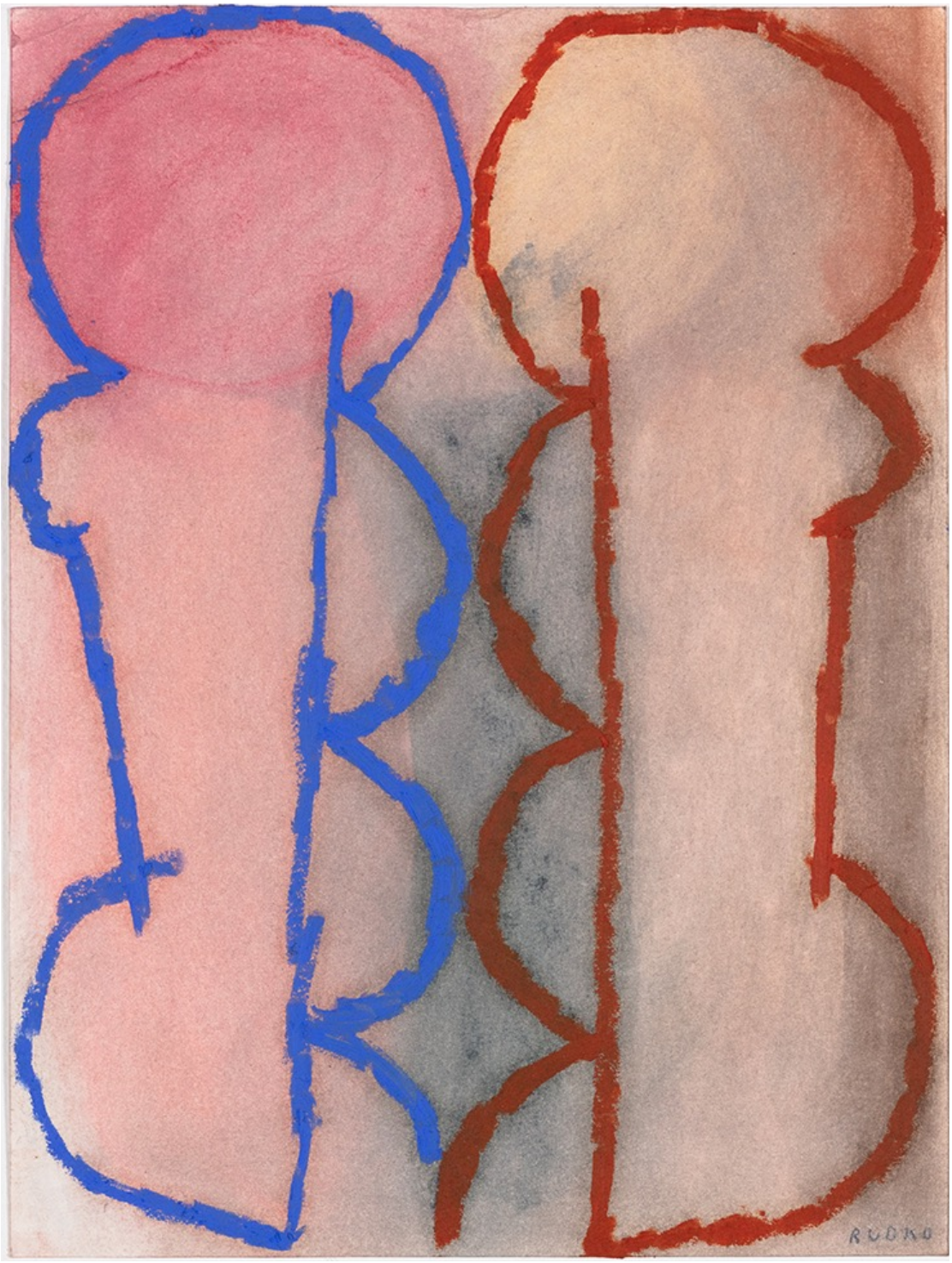
Joe Rudko, Net, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Pastels in Joe Rudko's Studio, 2026 - Photo Courtesy of Ben Lindbloom

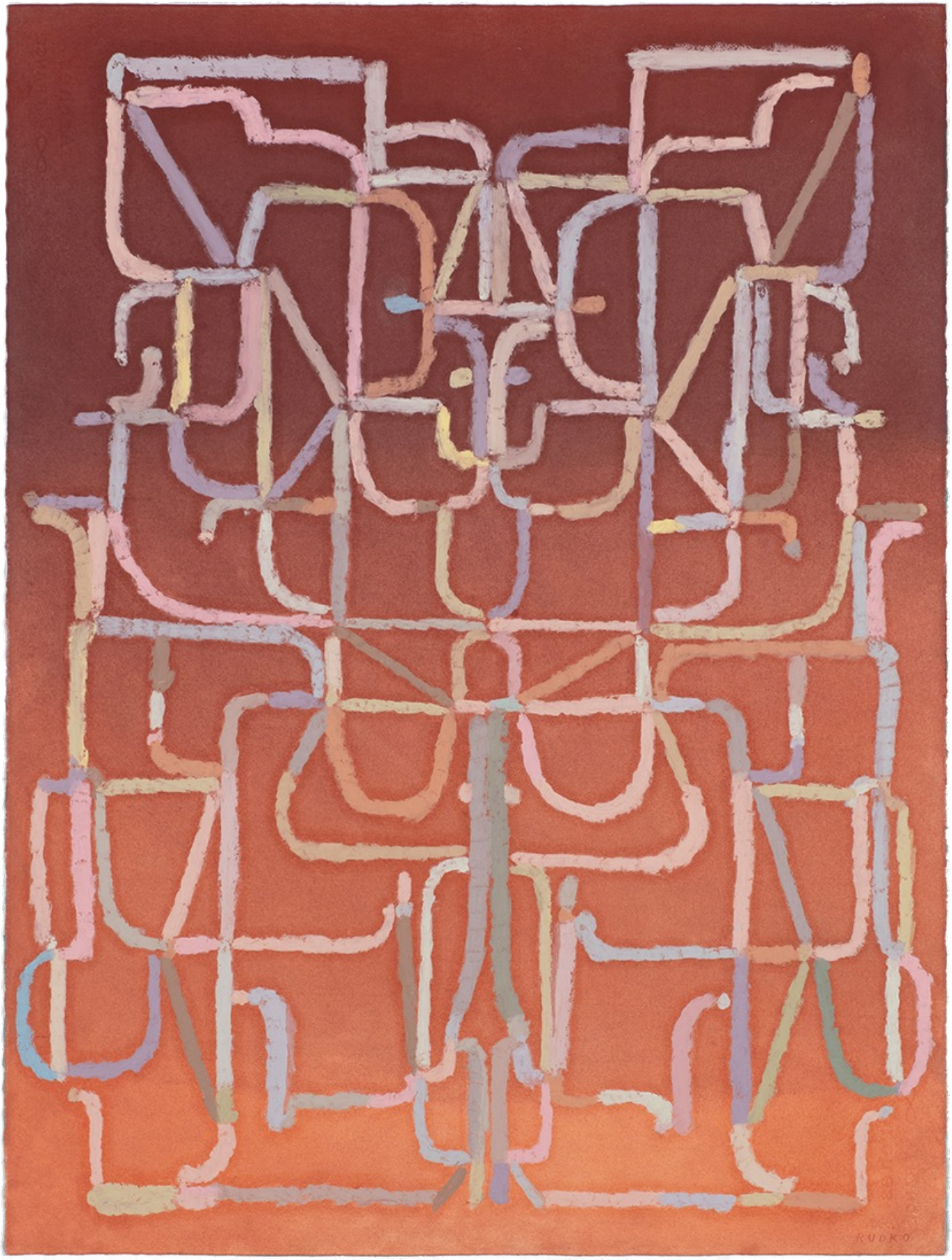


Joe Rudko, Winter Forecast, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 26 x 40 inches, Framed size 28 x 42 x 1.5 inches, $7200

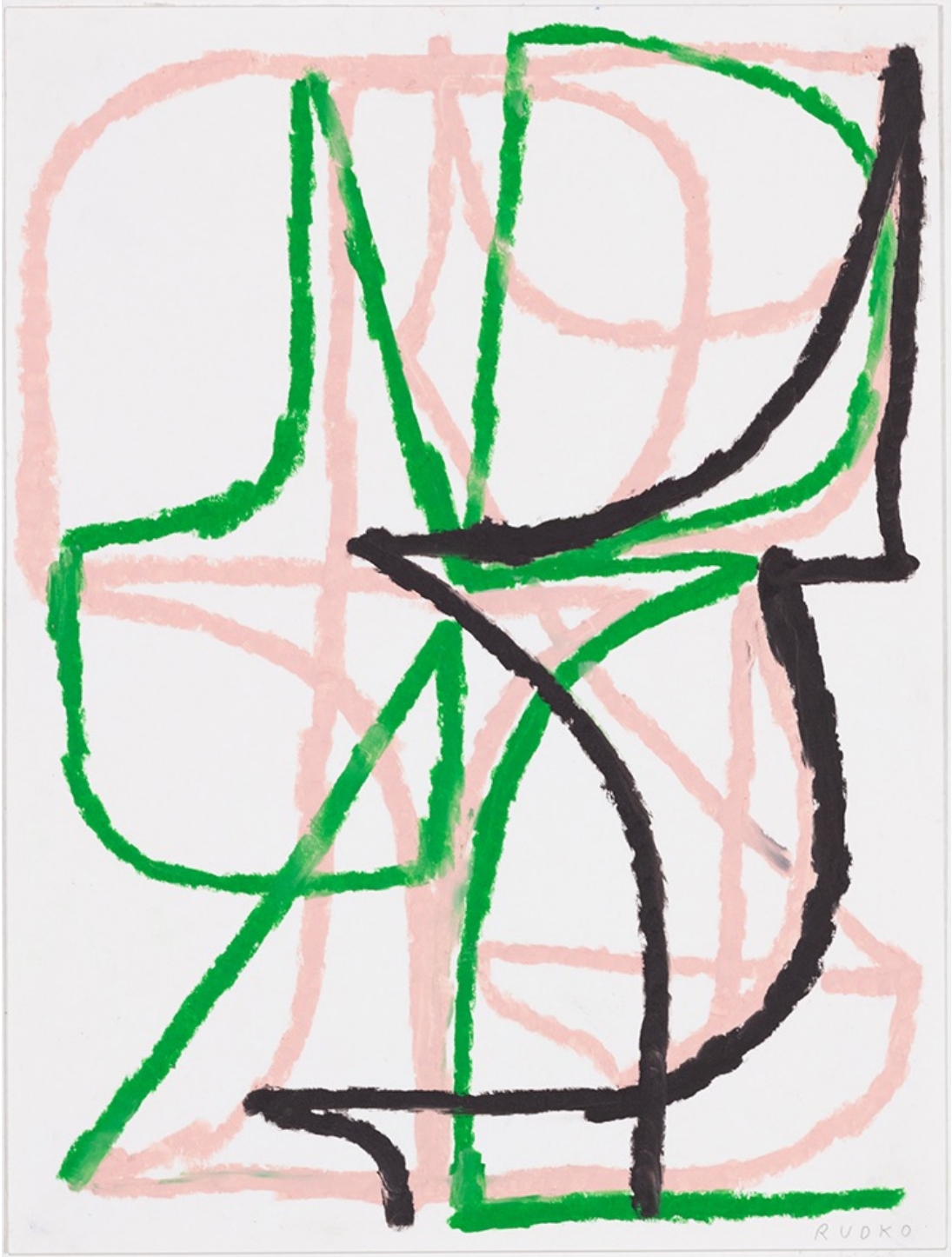
Joe Rudko, Shell, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200



Joe Rudko, Different Name for the Same Thing, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200



Joe Rudko, Anchor, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 30 x 22.5 inches, Framed size 32.25 x 24.75 x 1.5 inches, $4800



Joe Rudko, Meditation in a Forest, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Studio Photo Courtesy of Ben Lindbloom

Joe Rudko, Dirty Prism, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Message From a Flower, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Meditation in an Emergency, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 14 x 10 inches, Framed size 18 x 14 x 1.5 inches, $1500

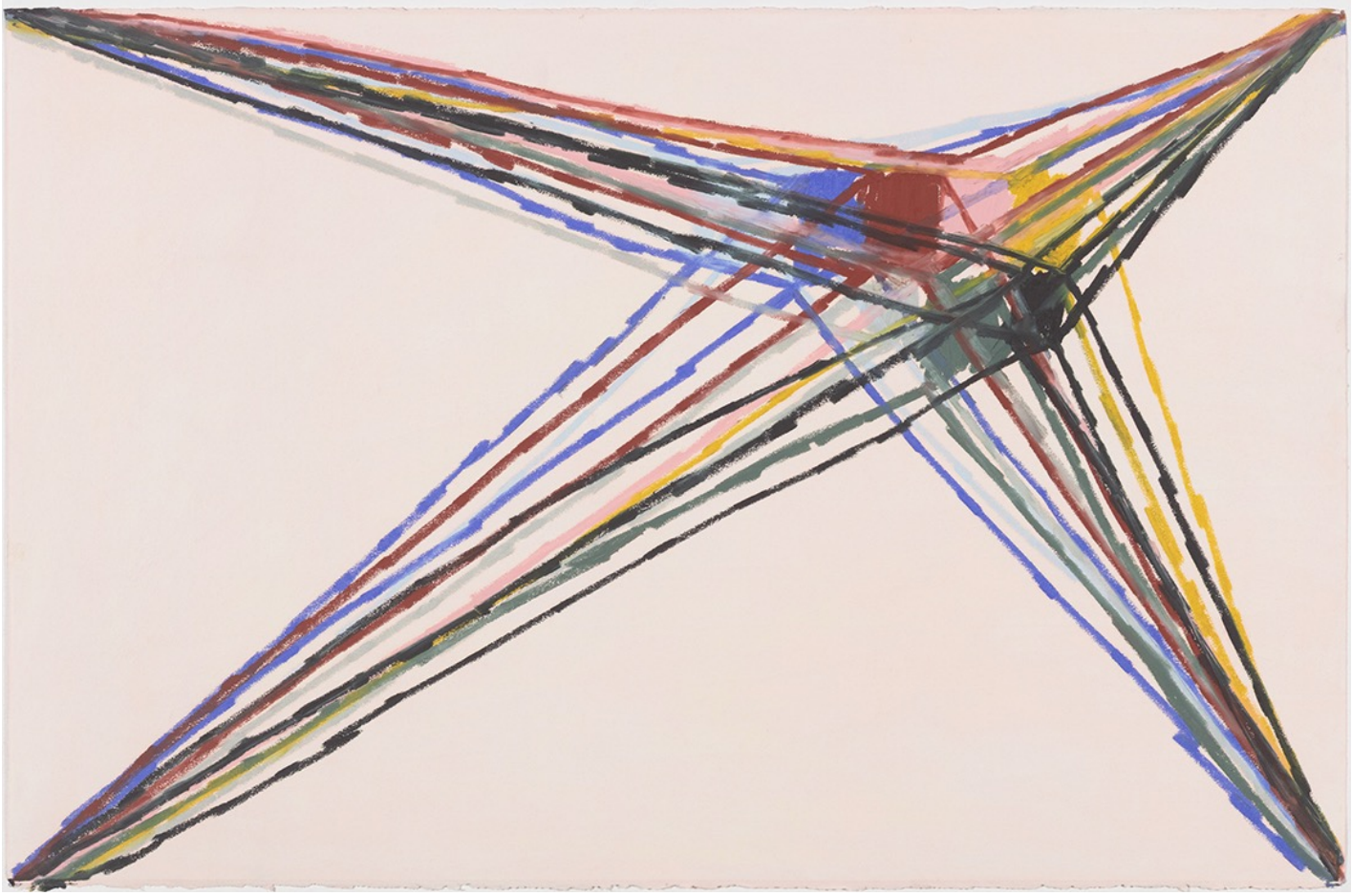
Joe Rudko, Shadow, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Artificial Sun, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 9 x 12 inches, Framed size 12.5 x 15.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko, Ocean Meditation, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches, Framed size 15.5 x 12.5 x 1.5 inches, $1200

Joe Rudko in the Studio, 2026 - Photo Courtesy of Ben Lindbloom

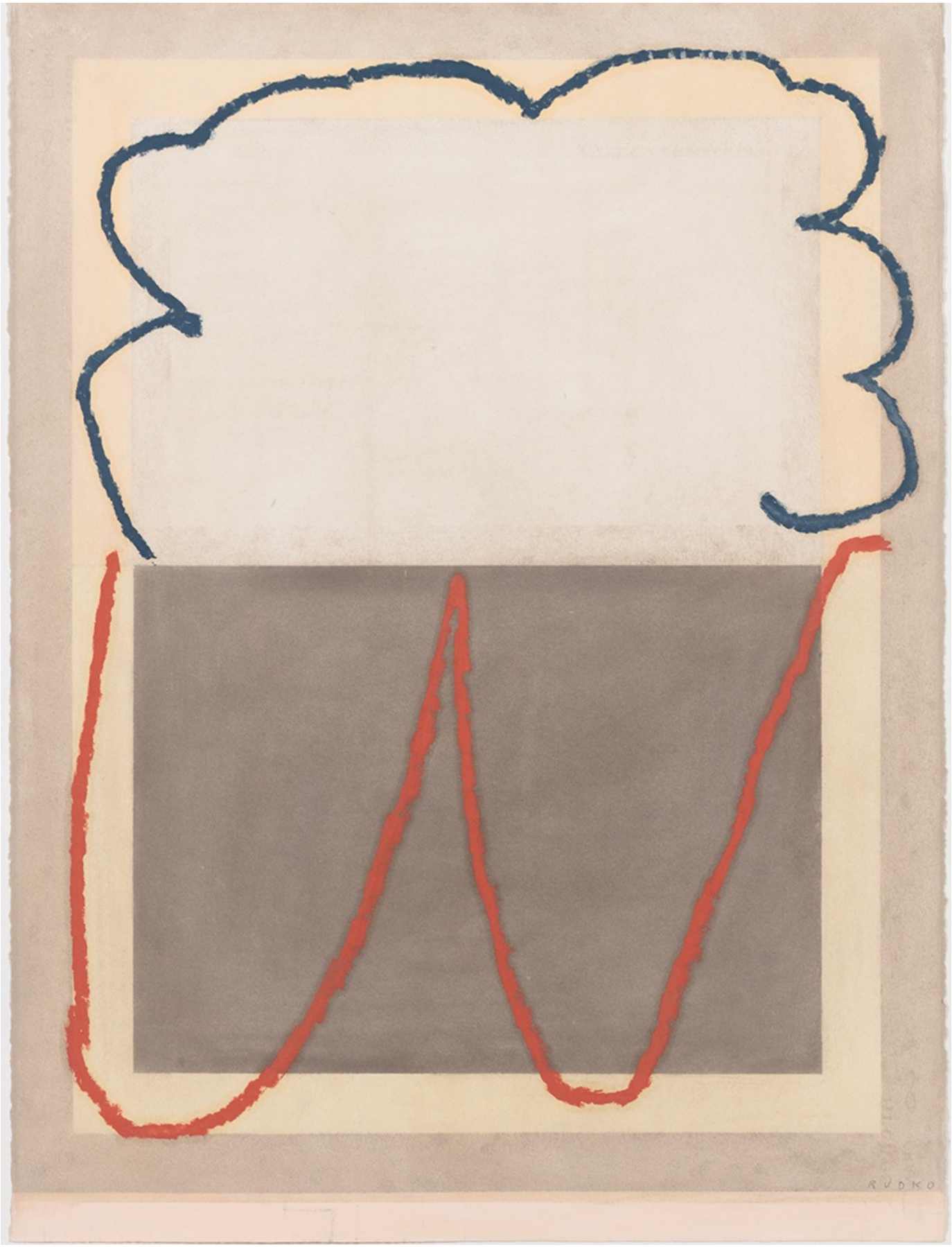
Joe Rudko, Day & Night, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 30 x 22.5 inches, Framed size 32.25 x 24.75 x 1.5 inches, $4800



Joe Rudko, Refractor, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 26 x 40 inches, Framed size 28 x 42 x 1.5 inches, $7200

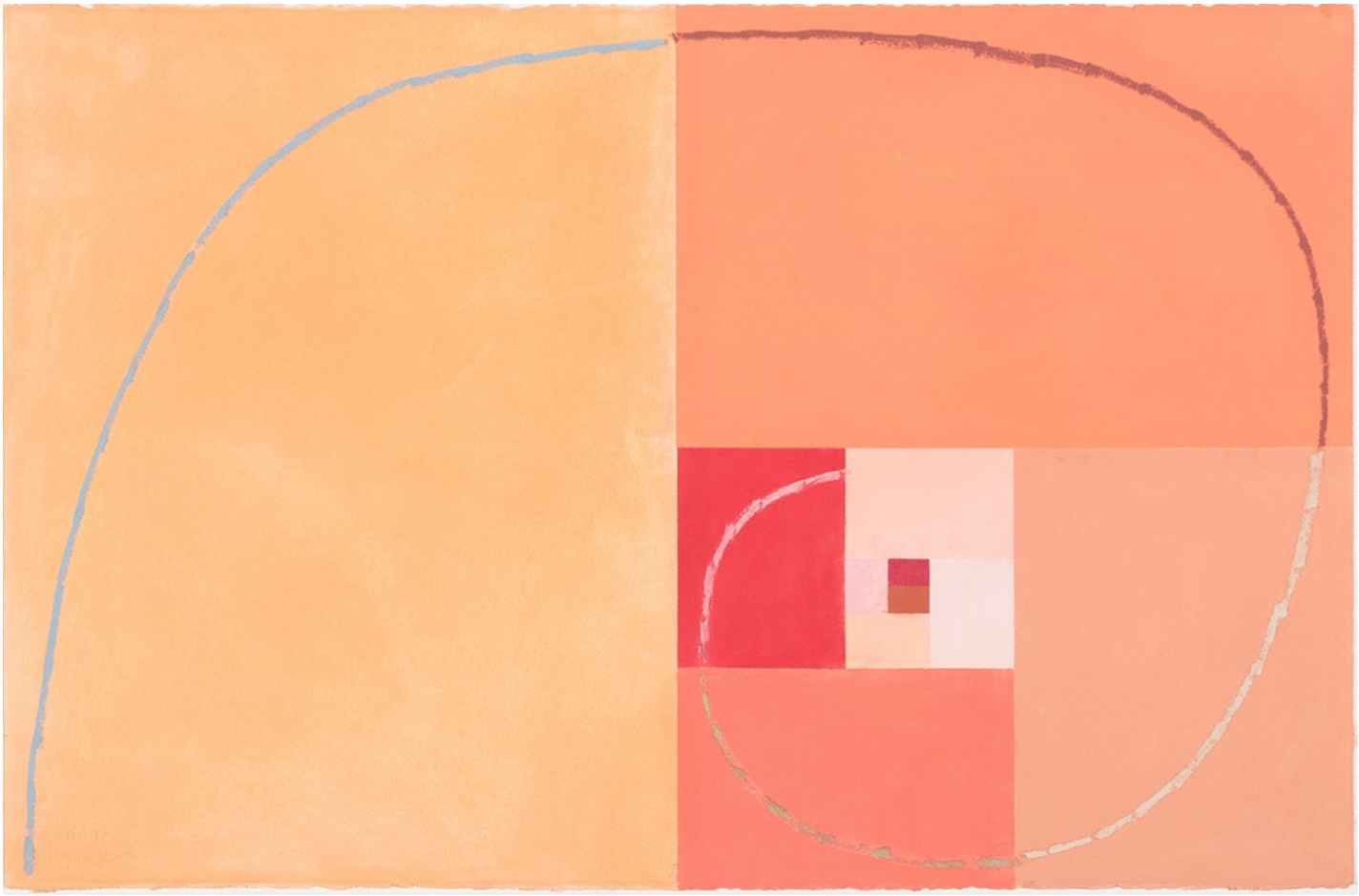
Joe Rudko, Rainbow in the Dark, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 24 x 18 inches, Framed size 26.25 x 20.25 x 1.5 inches, $3000

Joe Rudko, Hourglass, 2025, Oil pastel on paper, 24 x 18 inches, Framed size 26.25 x 20.25 x 1.5 inches, $3000



Joe Rudko, Window Drawing, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 30 x 22.5 inches, Framed size 32.25 x 24.75 x 1.5 inches, $4800

Joe Rudko, Open Field, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 30 x 22.5 inches, Framed size 32.25 x 24.75 x 1.5 inches, $4800



Joe Rudko, Upward Spiral, 2026, Oil pastel on paper, 26 x 40 inches, Framed size 28 x 42 x 1.5 inches, $7200

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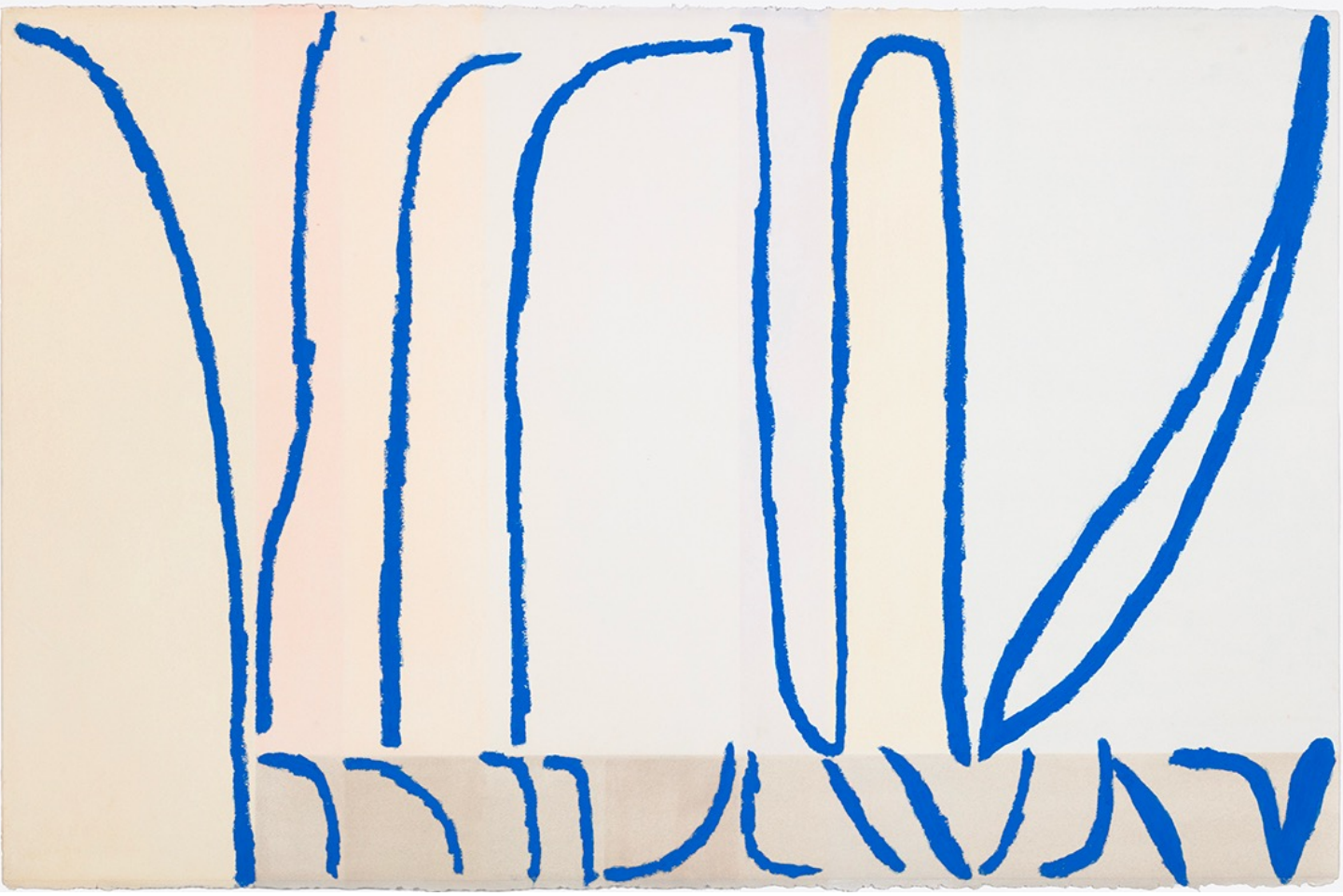

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