



# WHEN IN ROMA...

A CELEBRATION OF PASTEL WORKS BY GEORGE PECK  
ACCOMPANIED BY POETRY AND SONG

**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> AT BLACK SPRING BOOKS, 7-10PM**  
**672 Driggs Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211**

Part of the artist's proceeds will go to the Thyroid, Heart, and Neck Cancer (THANC) Foundation

Special Thanks to Simona Blat, Hugo Perez, + Mila Rae Mancuso



# When in Roma...

On view for one night only: *When in Roma...* will take place on **June 22nd from 7 pm to 10 pm** at [Black Spring Books](#) in Williamsburg. This show will place works by [George Peck](#), including eleven new pastel works by the artist, collectively titled ***Surreal Abstractions***, in dialogue with a selection of poems and music. While Peck is internationally known for his paintings and large-scale installation pieces, he started working with pastels in the 1970s, making studies for his early shaped paintings; though, in 2020, amidst the pandemic, Peck returned to working with pastels.

The pandemic's *unreal reality* and the environmental shift of lockdown conjured a surrealistic atmosphere for Peck, which provoked him to turn to automatic compositions and adopt the language of The Surreal. He has since maintained a near-daily practice of producing these pastels—each is a product of unpremeditated action; you can find video documentation of his process [here](#).

*When in Roma...* speaks to George's emotional response to his last trip to Rome, where he found this surrealistic atmosphere profoundly heightened and saturated even further, as the city's charged with past and imagined histories. As a result, these works capture the colors, the light, and the motifs reflected in this atmosphere. All becomes tangible past symbolic.

**Throughout his practice, Peck challenges color, light, material, and motifs while proposing new modes of seeing and understanding our entirely new reality.**

A portion of the artist's proceeds will go to [The THANC Foundation](#)—a remarkable non-profit organization that pioneers research and education in the early detection and treatment of Thyroid, Head, and Neck Cancer. George greatly admires Dr. Mark L. Urken, MD, FACS, the founder of **THANC**, for his expertise in helping many patients. Eleven pastel works will be available for purchase through [Saatchi](#) in the next coming week.

**We hope you can join us for this marvelous evening.**



*Surreal Abstraction No. 1, 2024*  
Pastel on Strethmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")





*Surreal Abstraction No. 2*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")



*Surreal Abstraction No. 3*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")





*Surreal Abstraction No. 4*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")

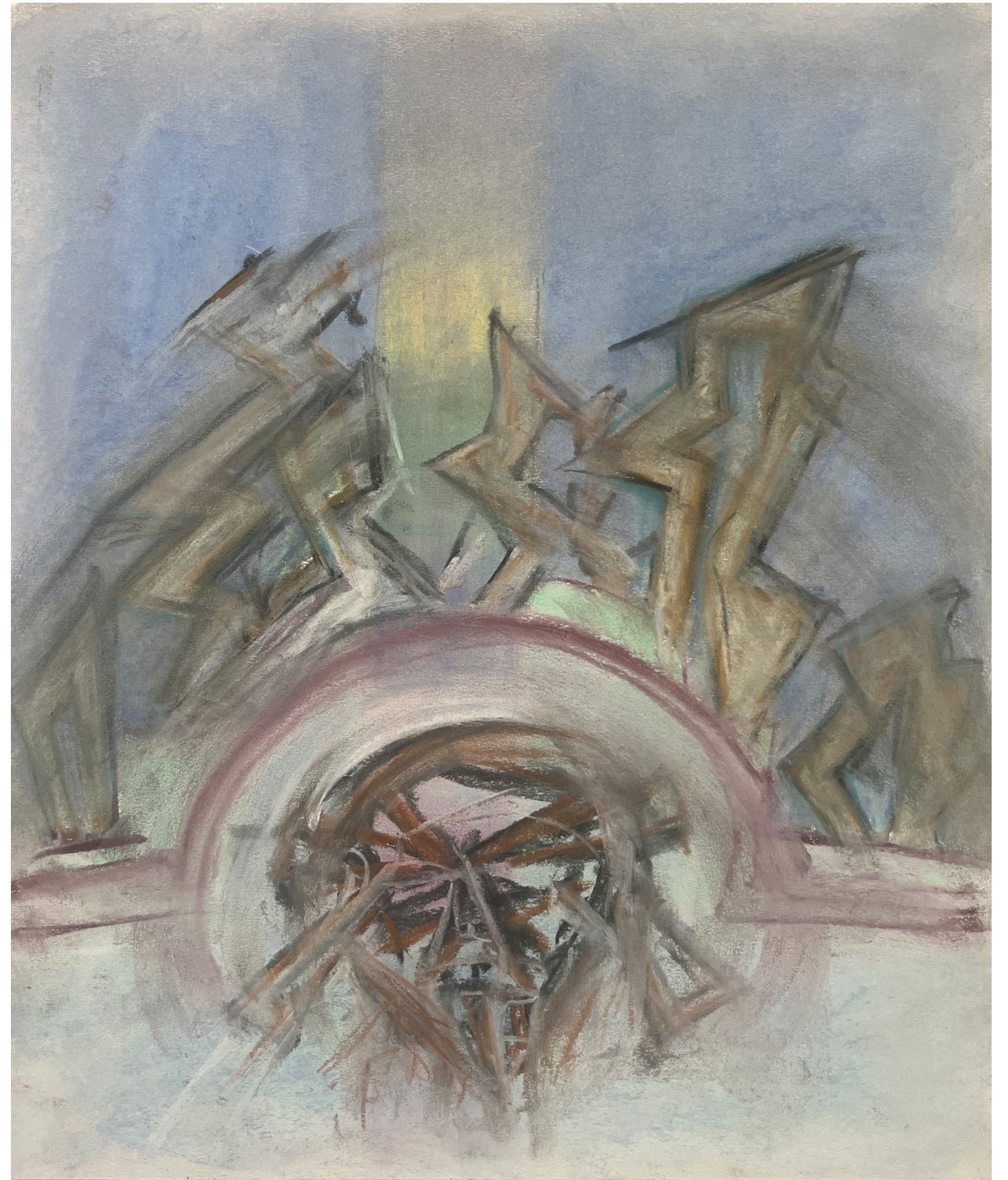


*Surreal Abstraction No. 5*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")





*Surreal Abstraction No. 6*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")

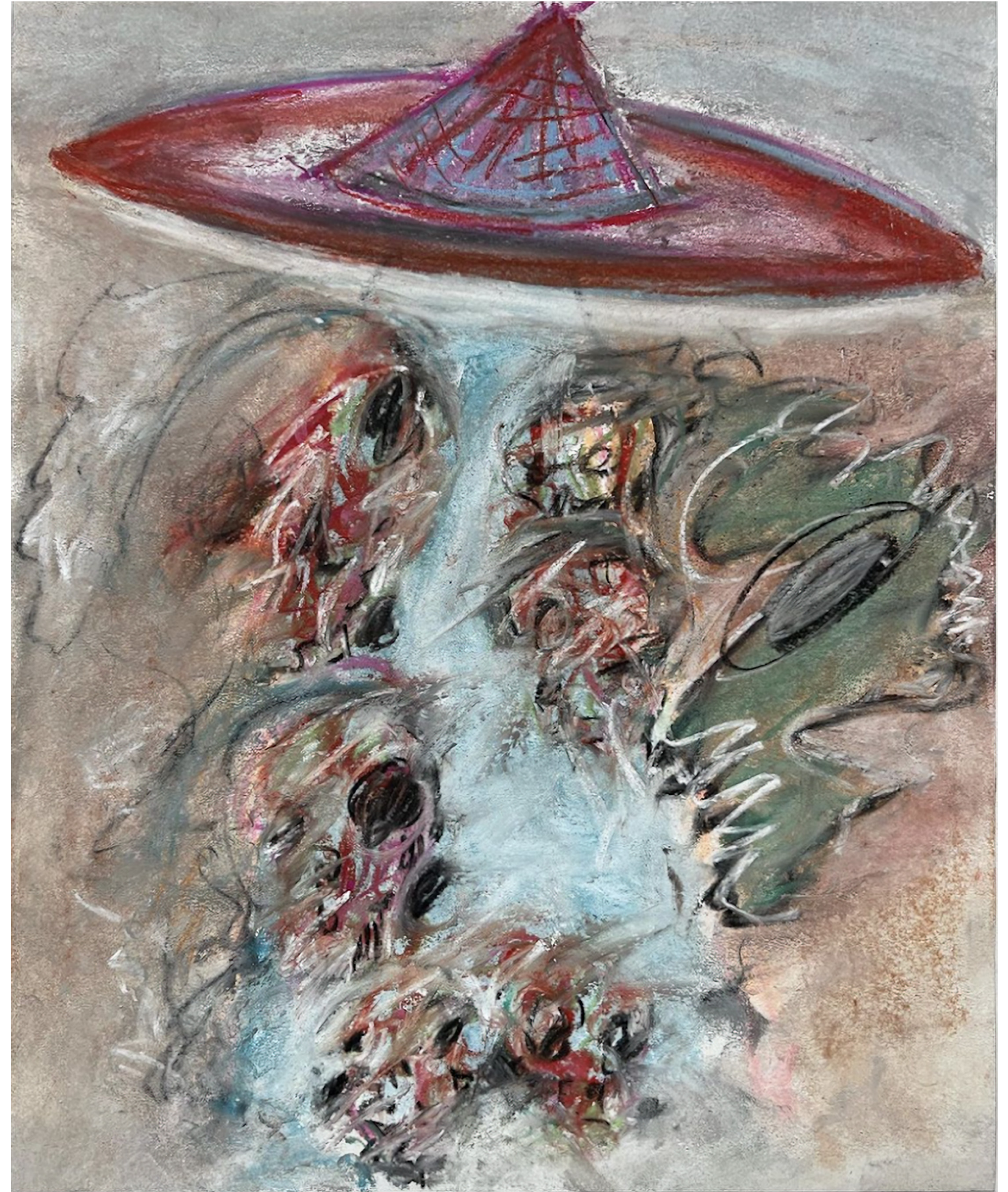


*Surreal Abstraction No. 7*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")





*Surreal Abstraction No. 8*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")



*Surreal Abstraction No. 9*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")





*Surreal Abstraction No. 10*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")



*Surreal Abstraction No. 11*, 2024  
Pastel on Stretchmore paper  
17" x 14" (framed, 23" x 20")