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## LOCAL NEON

The Chicago Scene

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:

John E. Bannon, Jacob Fishman, Lindsey Liss, Gregory Mowery  
Zoelle Nagib, Carolina Pereira de Almeida, Kalan Strauss, Michael Young

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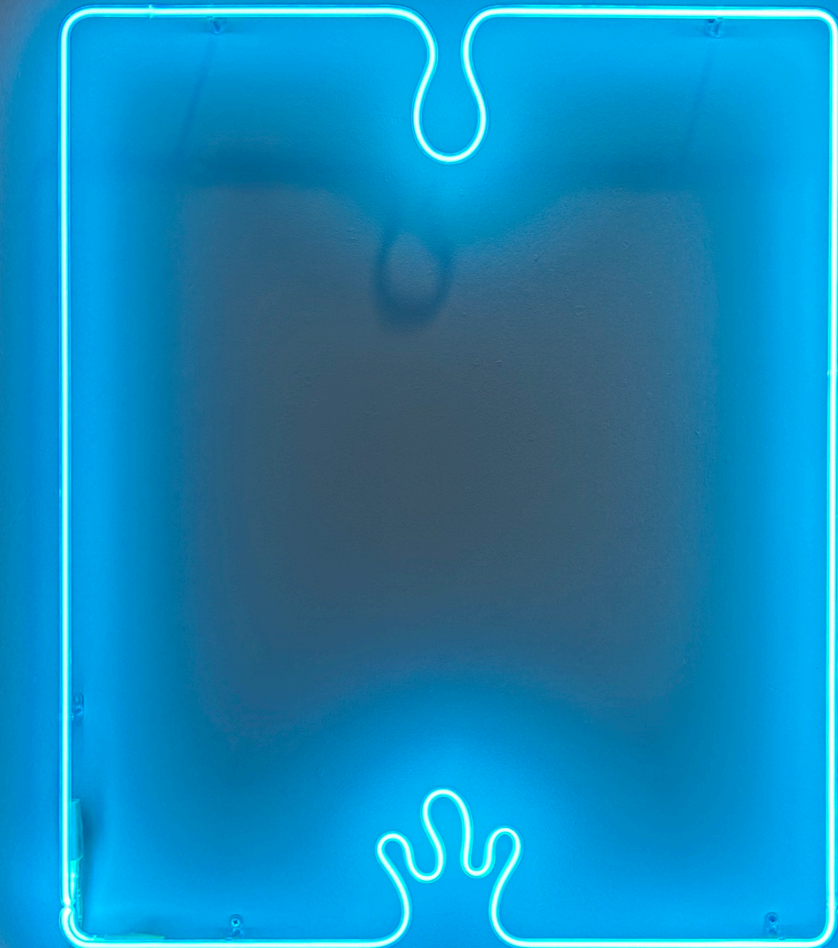
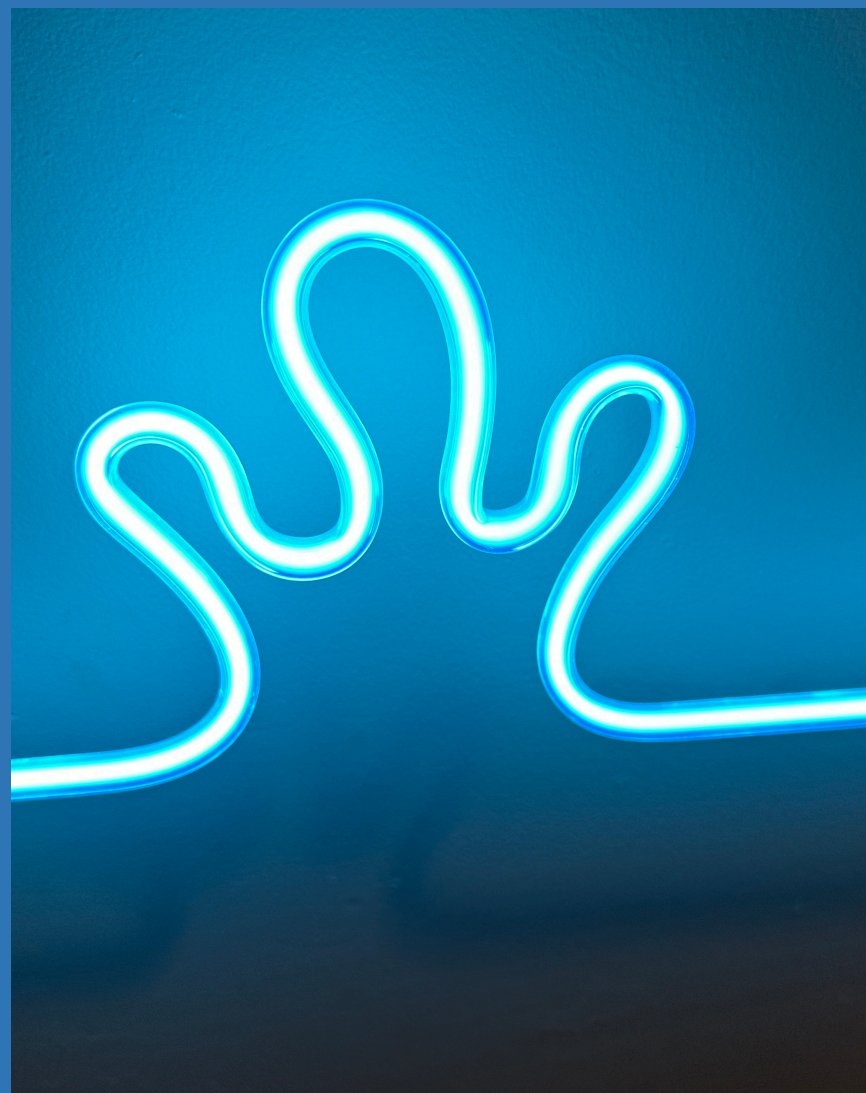
Local Neon brings together artists practicing the art of glass-bending in Chicago. The artists who work with noble gases trapped in tubes and brought to life with a flicker of electricity may have been inspired by some of Chicago's spectacular commercial works; Magikist, Z Frank and Holiday Inn's signs were urban landmarks, spectacular in scale and irresistible to the eye. The works in the show share the same magical qualities, the color and light at once hyper modern and nostalgic.

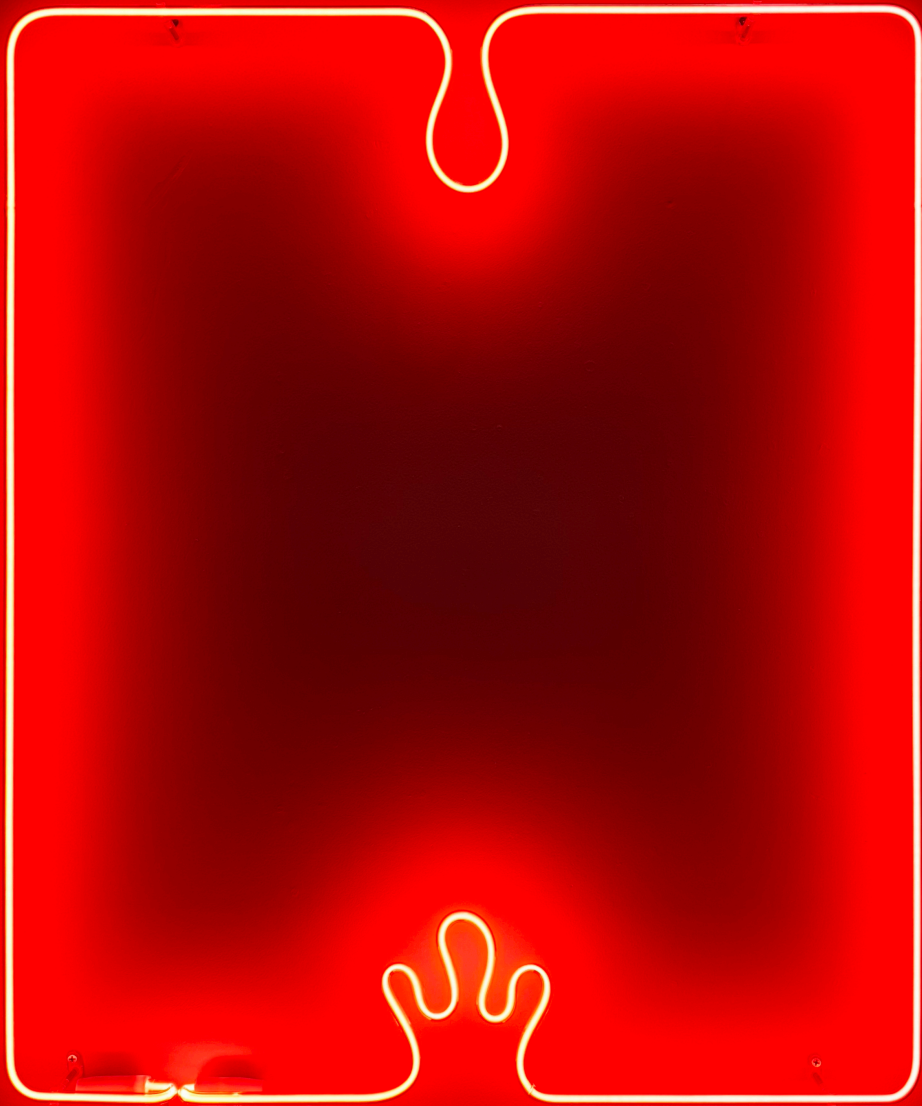
Jacob Fishman's Lightwriters Neon founded in 1977 in Chicago's northern suburbs specialized in conservation, fabrication, and education. Among Fishman's most accomplished protégées are John E. Bannon and the artist's daughter, Zoelle Nagib who is planning to re-charge Lightwriters Neon. Gregory Mowery, professor at the School of the Art Institute, has been instrumental in developing a new generation of benders steeped in the technical aspects of the craft as well as the deeper history of Art. His students have included Caroline Pereira de Almeida and Kalan Strauss.

Local Neon is the sixth in a series of exhibitions celebrating neon starting with On Neon in 2020 and continuing with the Neon and Light Museum, Small Neon. Love Neon and Love Neon, Too.

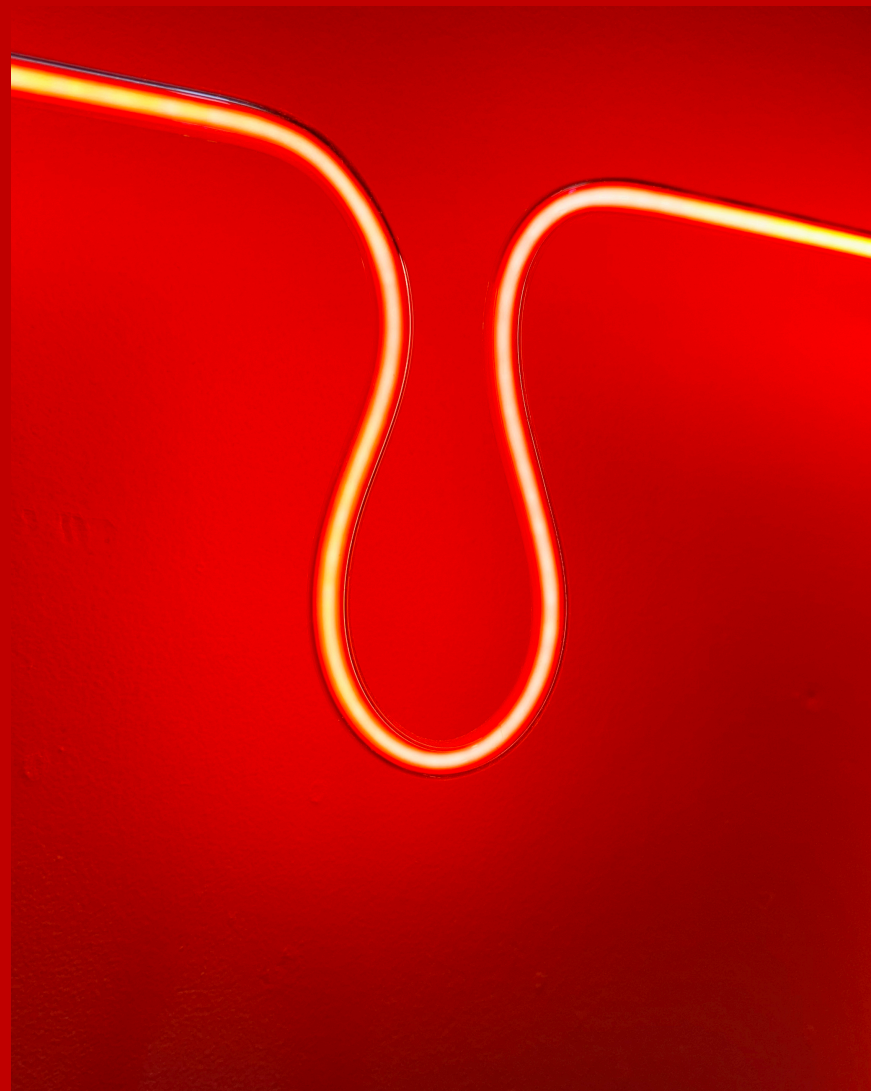
Ken Saunders, April 2024

JOHN E. BANNON, *Life Is In Between*  
34 x 28 x 2 inches



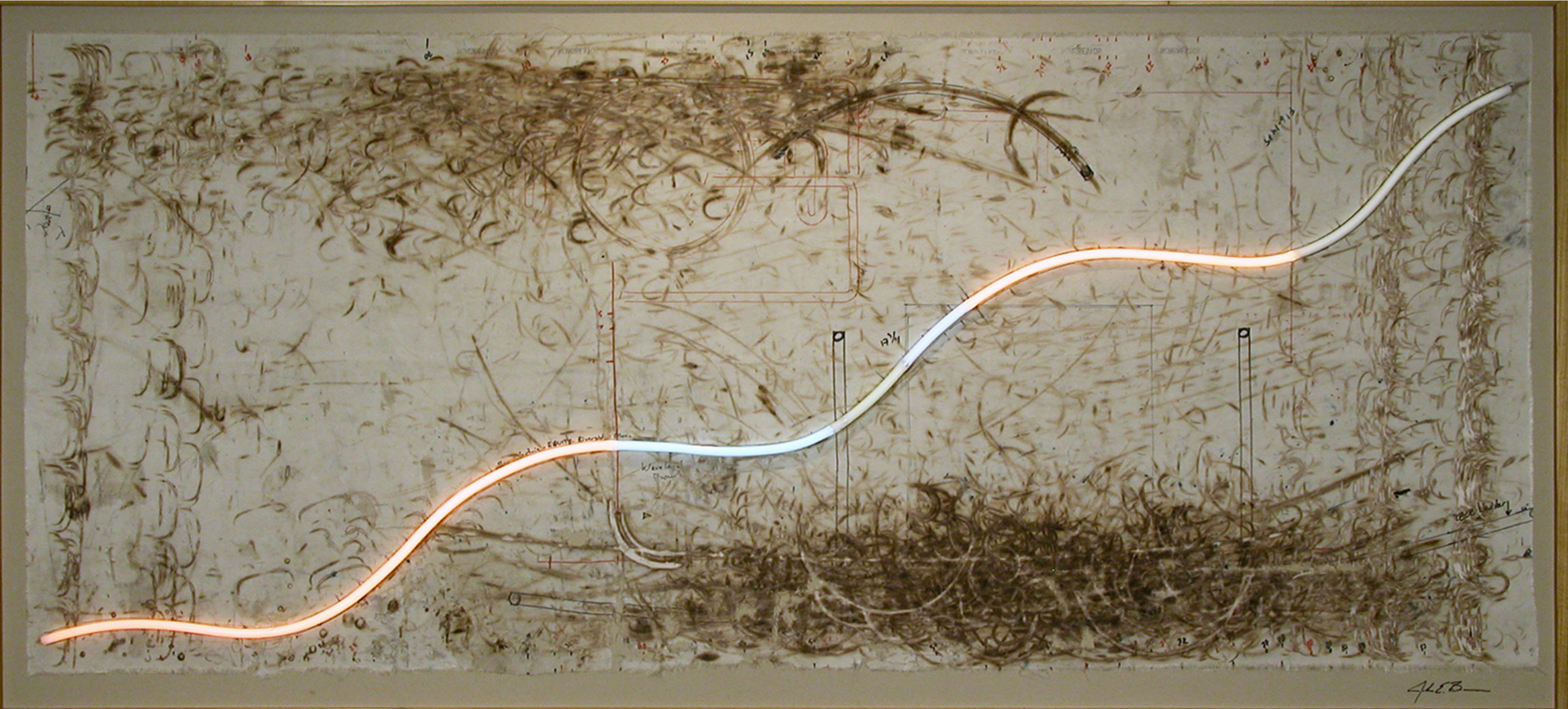


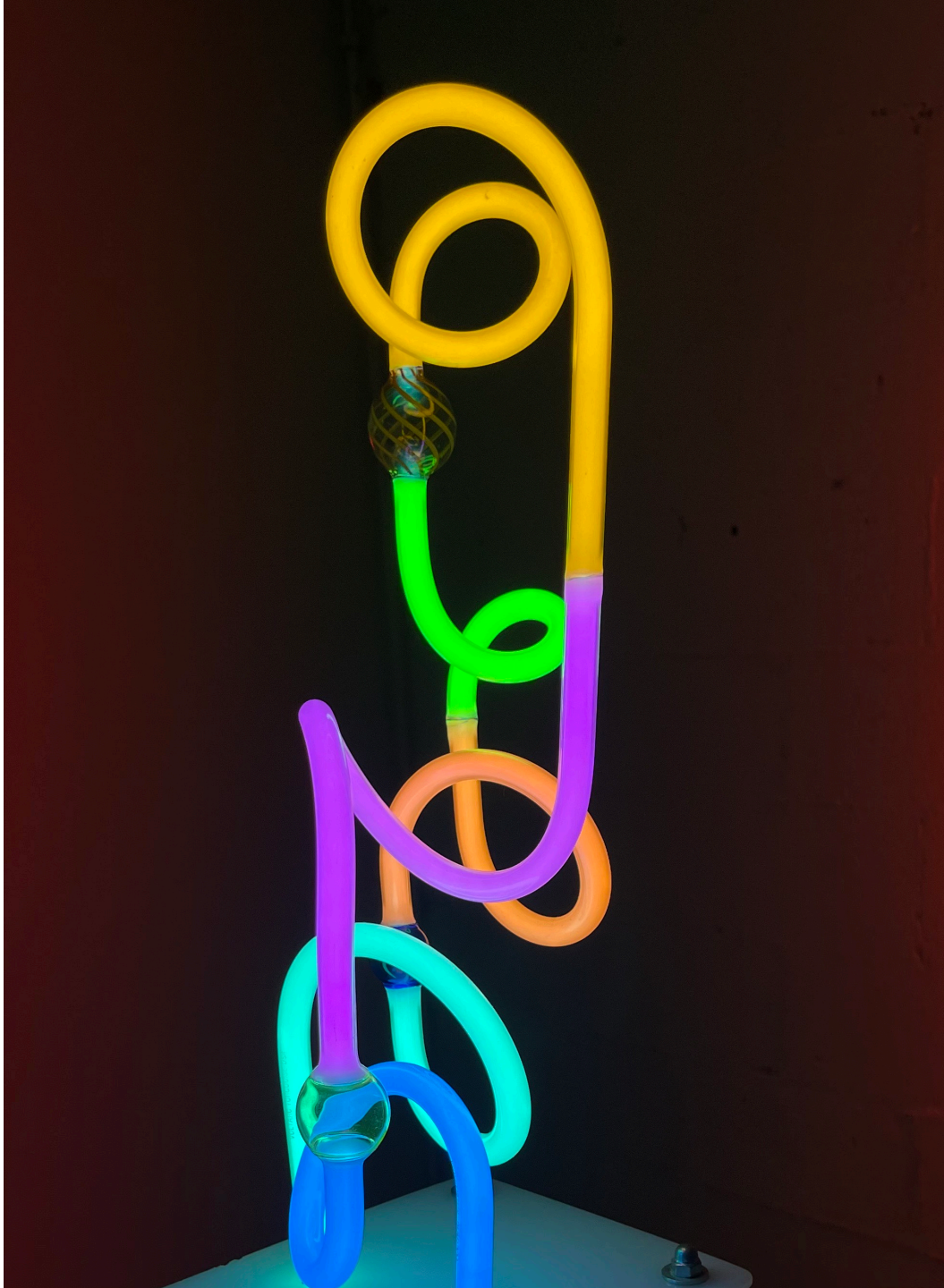
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JOHN E. BANNON, *Time of the Signs*, 2024

44 x 97 x 3 inches





JACOB FISHMAN, *Earth Map*, 2014  
24 x 10 x 7 inches





LINDSEY LISS, *Signs and Love*, 2020  
60 x 40 x 4 inches



LINDSEY LISS, *Let Love In*, 2014 ,dimensions variable

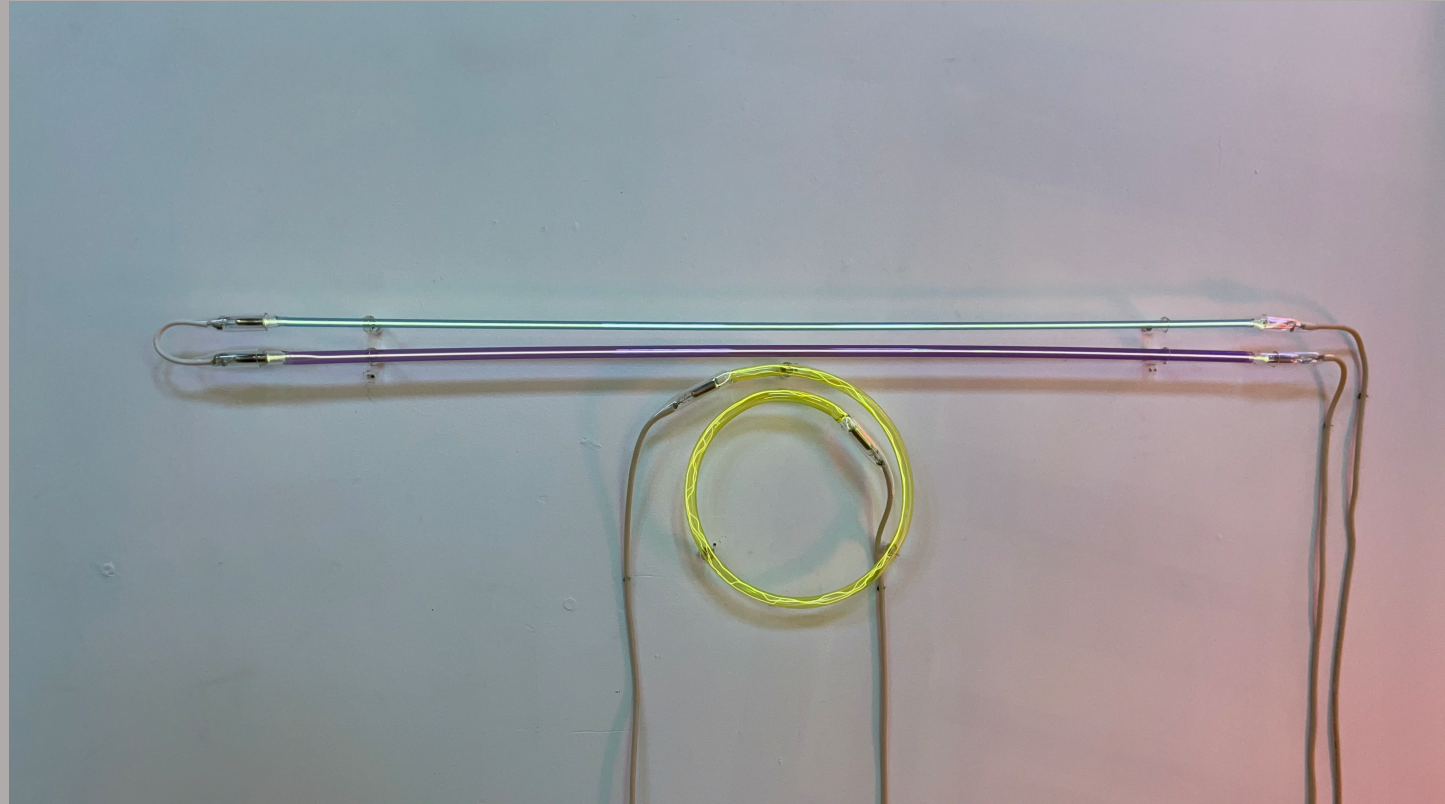






GREGORY MOWERY, (from left to right) HCM Foxhole, HCM ZigZag, HCM Hydra Twist

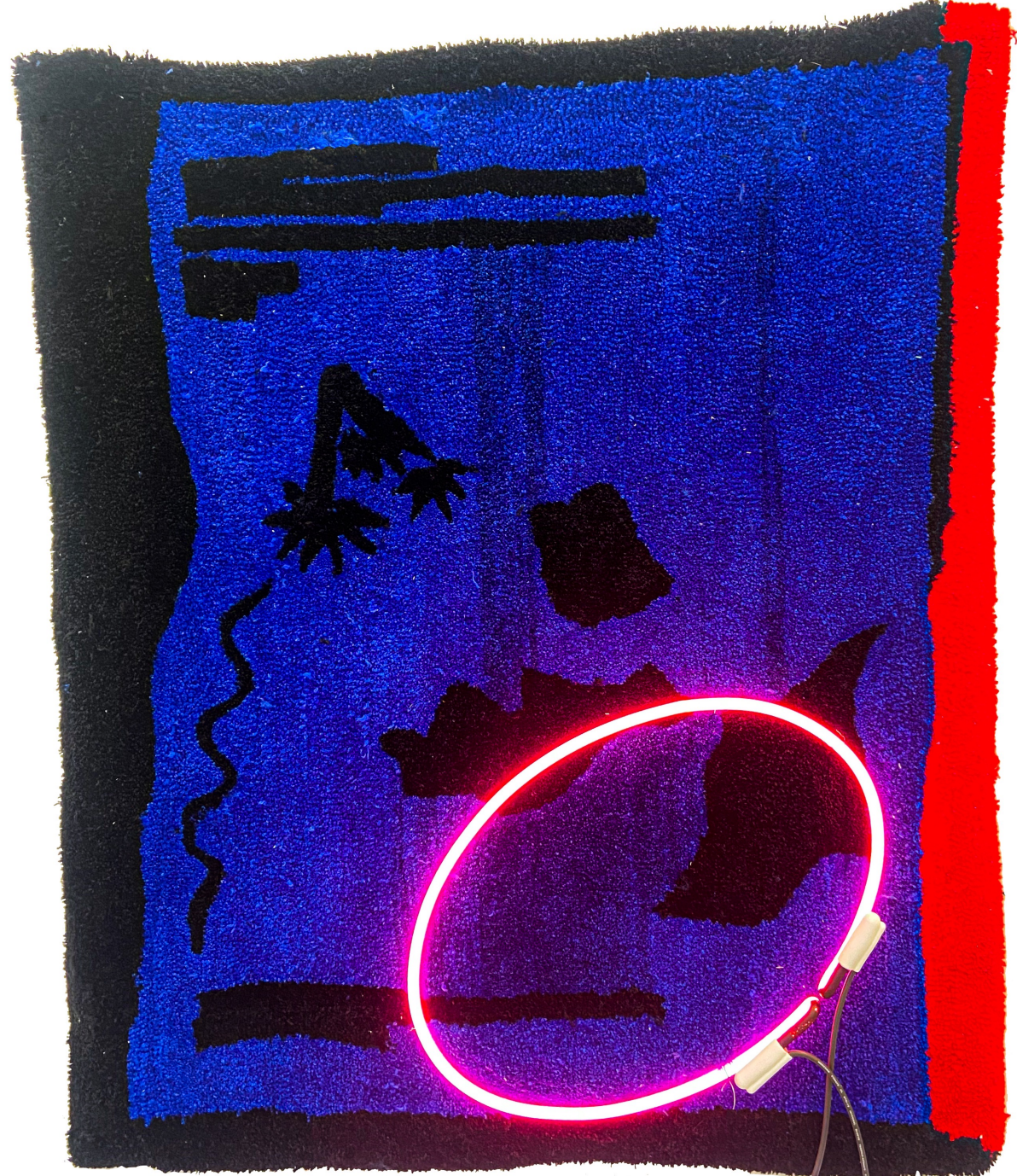
ZOELLE NAGIB, *Thunder*, 2024  
14 x 54 x 4 inches



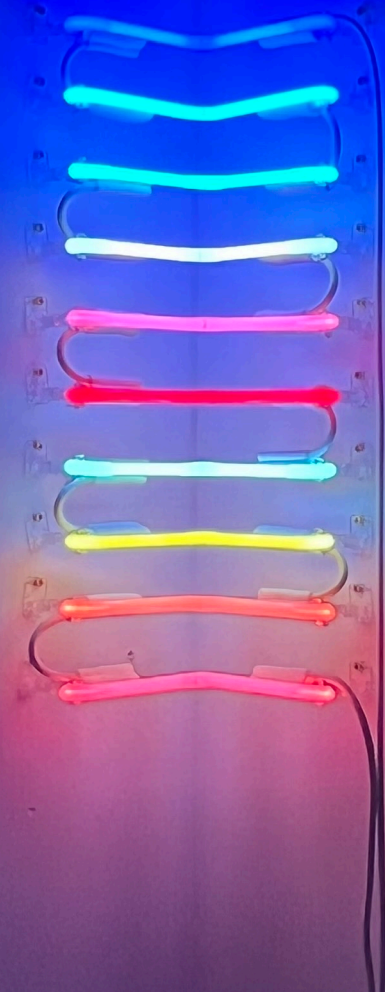
ZOELLE NAGIB, *Irreplacable*, 2024  
34 x 65 x 2 inches

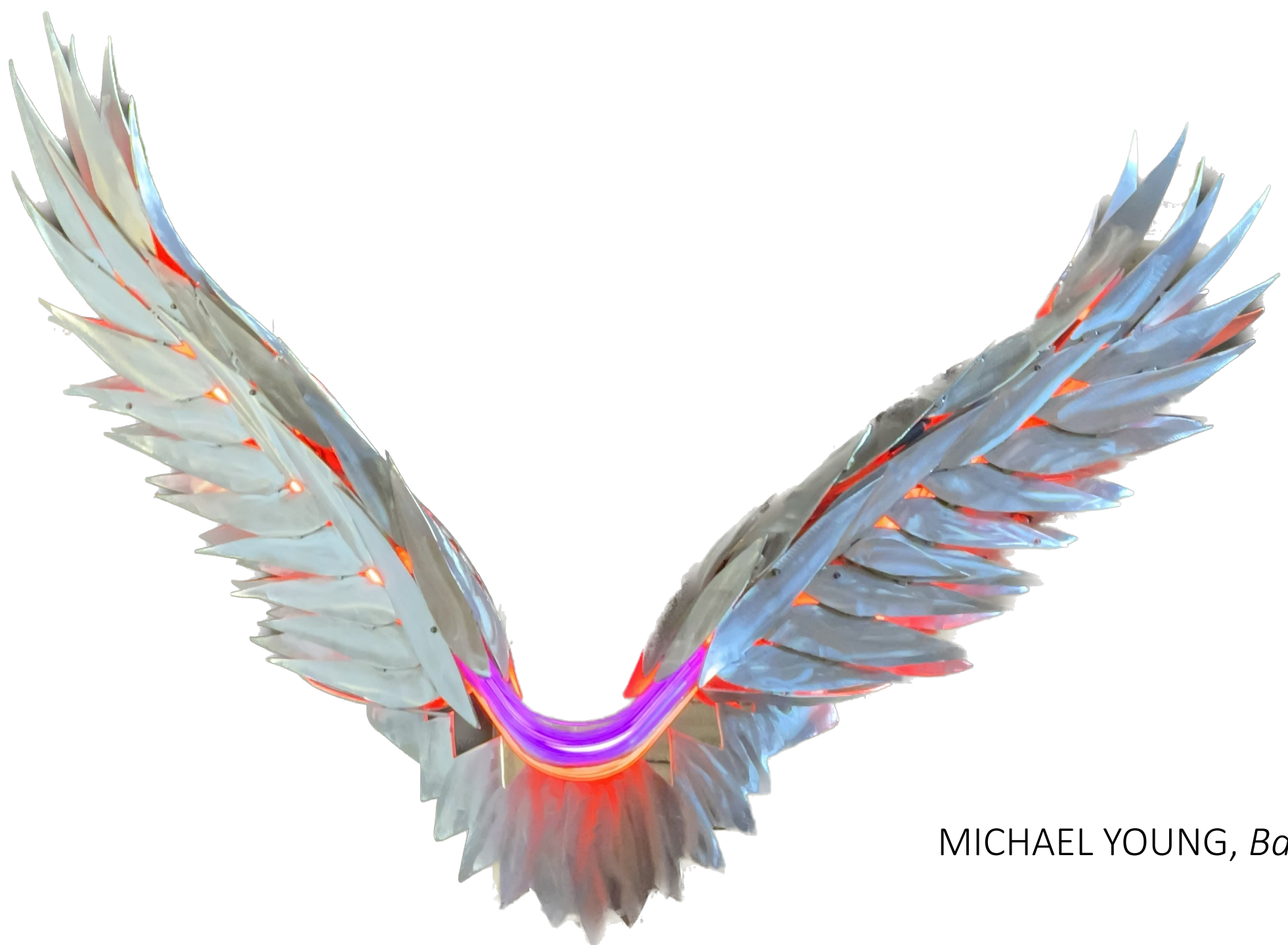


CAROLINA PEREIRA de ALMEIDA  
*Disguised Wish*, 2024  
48 x 42 x 6 inches

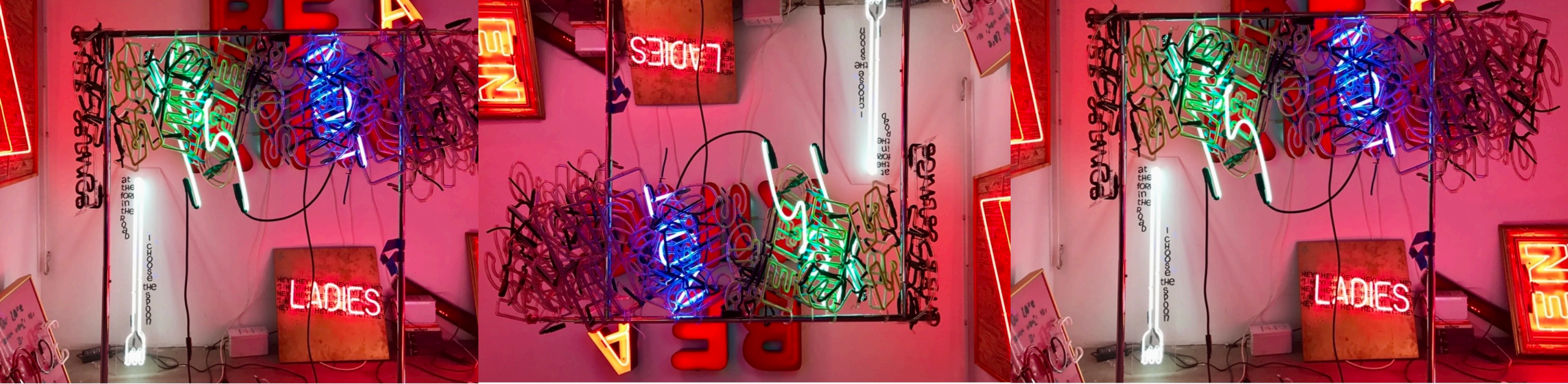


KALAN STRAUSS, *Traffic at sunset on Sunset*





MICHAEL YOUNG, *Bank*



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