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Creative Produce

CYANOTYPE SOLARGRAMS

large-format
photographic
prints on fabric

The cyanotype process was discovered by Sir John Herschel (1792 - 1871) in 1842. The process produces permanent photographic images in a beautiful assortment of blue values. Anna Atkins (1799 - 1871), known as "the first woman photographer," produced hundreds of gorgeous small cyanotypes of algae, ferns, feathers, and waterweeds.

My art programs reveal aspects of the world as directly as possible while reducing distortion caused by the artificiality of artistic media, techniques, concepts, and ego. To reveal things as they are, with as little interference as possible. Having developed an experimental painting process and large body of work known as *Impressions*, as well as several types of photo-based artwork collectively known as *Fauxtography*, developing a new program employing an original update of the archaic cyanotype process at a large scale was a natural progression, and a link between these extensive, and seemingly different programmes of work.

The following images present small reproductions of large-scale solargrams produced on specially prepared photosensitized fabric exposed by natural sunshine, and later stretched over supporting frames. These works of camera-less photography were created outdoors along ponds and riversides accessed by bicycle, employing local flora and fauna, family and friends, exposed with sunshine, and developed with water.

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Three Swimmers I

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2013

(1 of 5)

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

2.13 x 2.13 m / 84 x 84 in. / 7 x 7 ft.

FIGURALS



Mobile Lovers (after Banksy)

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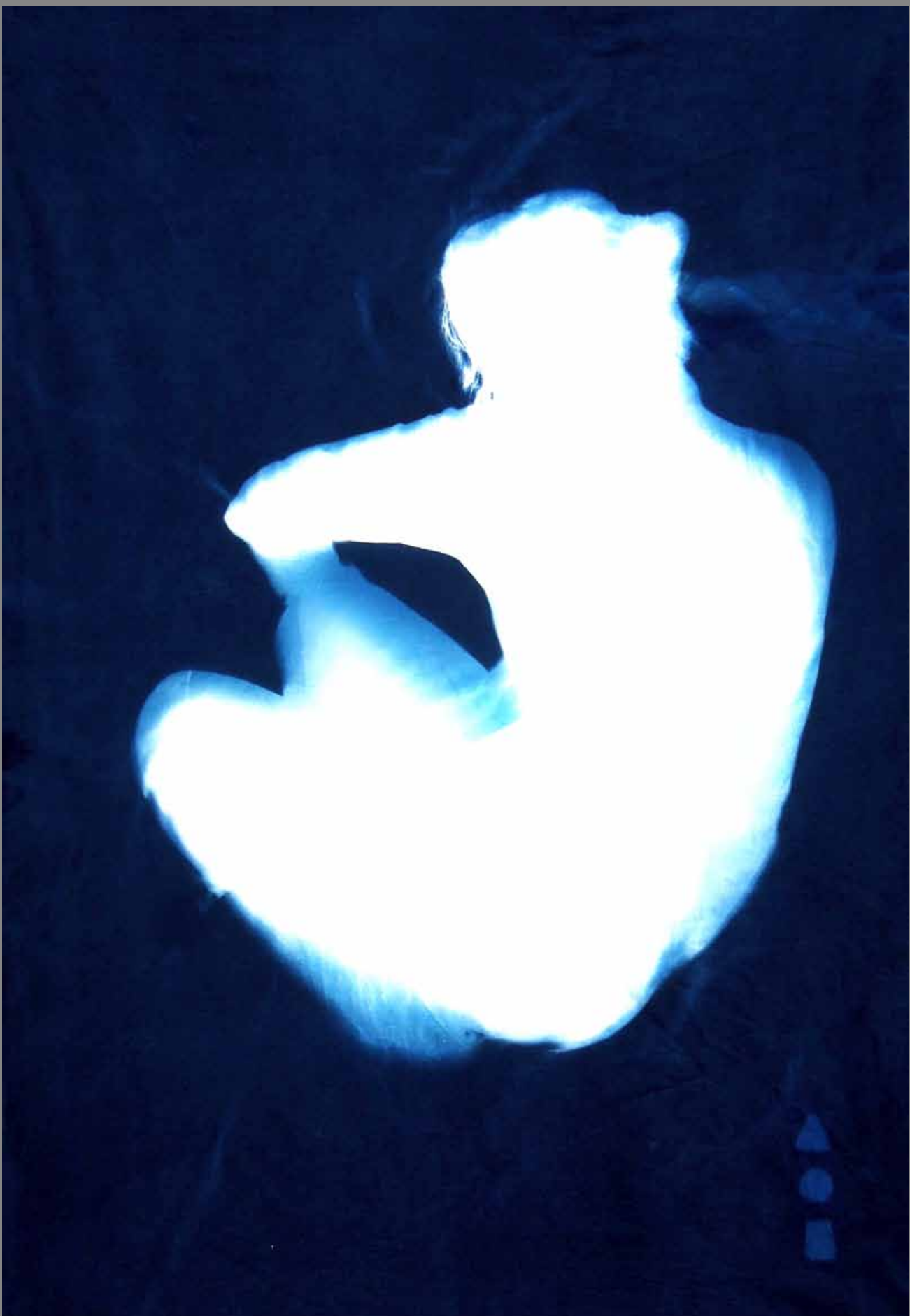
2014 (1 of 2)

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

1.52 x .92 m / 60 x 36 in. / 5 x 3 ft.



Old Guitarist (after Picasso)
 2014 (1 of 2) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.48 x .92 m / 58 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.



Blue Nude (after Picasso)
 2013 (1 of 2) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.22 x .91 m. /48 x 36 in. / 4 x 3 ft. [\[More Images\]](#)



Blue Nude IV (after Matisse)
 2013 (1 of 5) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.

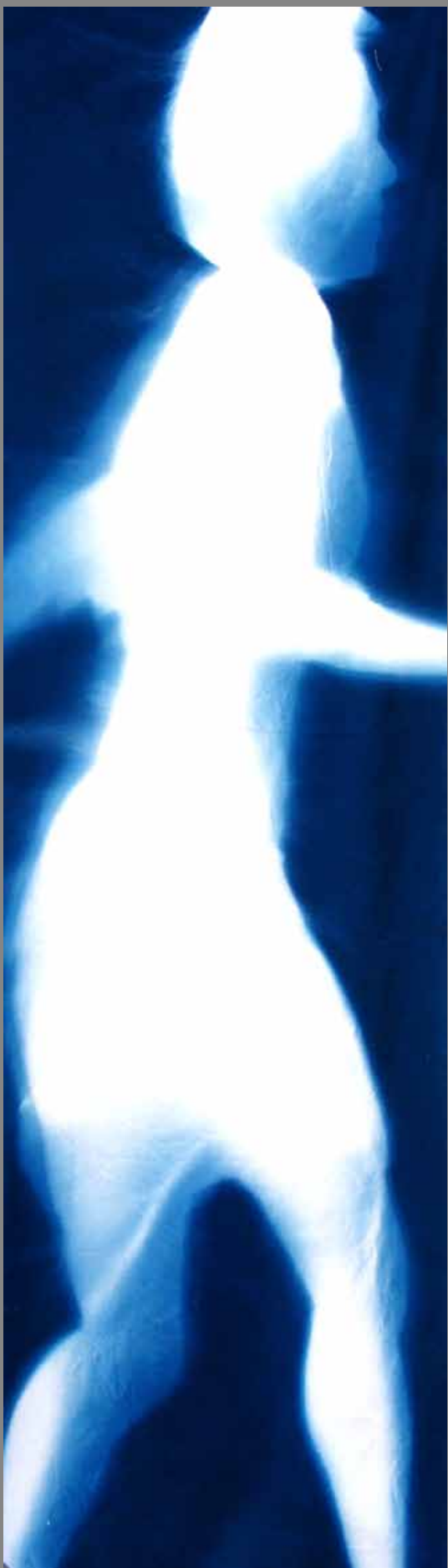


Blue Nude Skipping (after Matisse)
 2013 cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft. [\[More Images\]](#)



Walking Woman (after Snow)

2013 (2 of 5) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x 401 m. /56 x 16 in. / ~5 x 1.3 ft.



Self Portrait

2013 cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.

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Elegant Cyclist
2013

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

1.52 x 2.13 m. / 60 x 84 in. / 5 x 7 ft.

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Swift Cyclist
2013

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

1.52 x 2.13 m. / 60 x 84 in. / 5 x 7 ft.

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Three Swimmers IV

2013

(2 of 5)

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

2.13 x 2.59 m. / 84 x 102 in. / 7 x 8.5 ft.

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Three Swimmers II
2013 (2 of 5)

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

2.13 x 2.59 m. / 84 x 102 in. / 7 x 8.5 ft.

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ZODIAC LOVERS



Zodiac Lovers II

2014 (2 of 12)

cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.

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Zodiac Lovers V
2014 (5 of 12) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.



Zodiac Lovers III
2014 (3 of 12) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.

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Zodiac Lovers IV

2014 (4 of 12) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.



Zodiac Lovers I

2014 (1 of 12) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.

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Zodiac Lovers VI
2014 (6 of 12) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.52 x 1.52 m. / 60 x 60 ins. / 5 x 5 ft.



detail

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FLORALS



Irises IV

2014 (1 of 4)

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cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

.91 x .66 m. / 36 x 26 in. / ~3 x 2 ft.



Irises III
2014 (1 of 4) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature .91 x 1.52 m. / 36 x 60 in. / 3 x 5 ft.
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Lilac

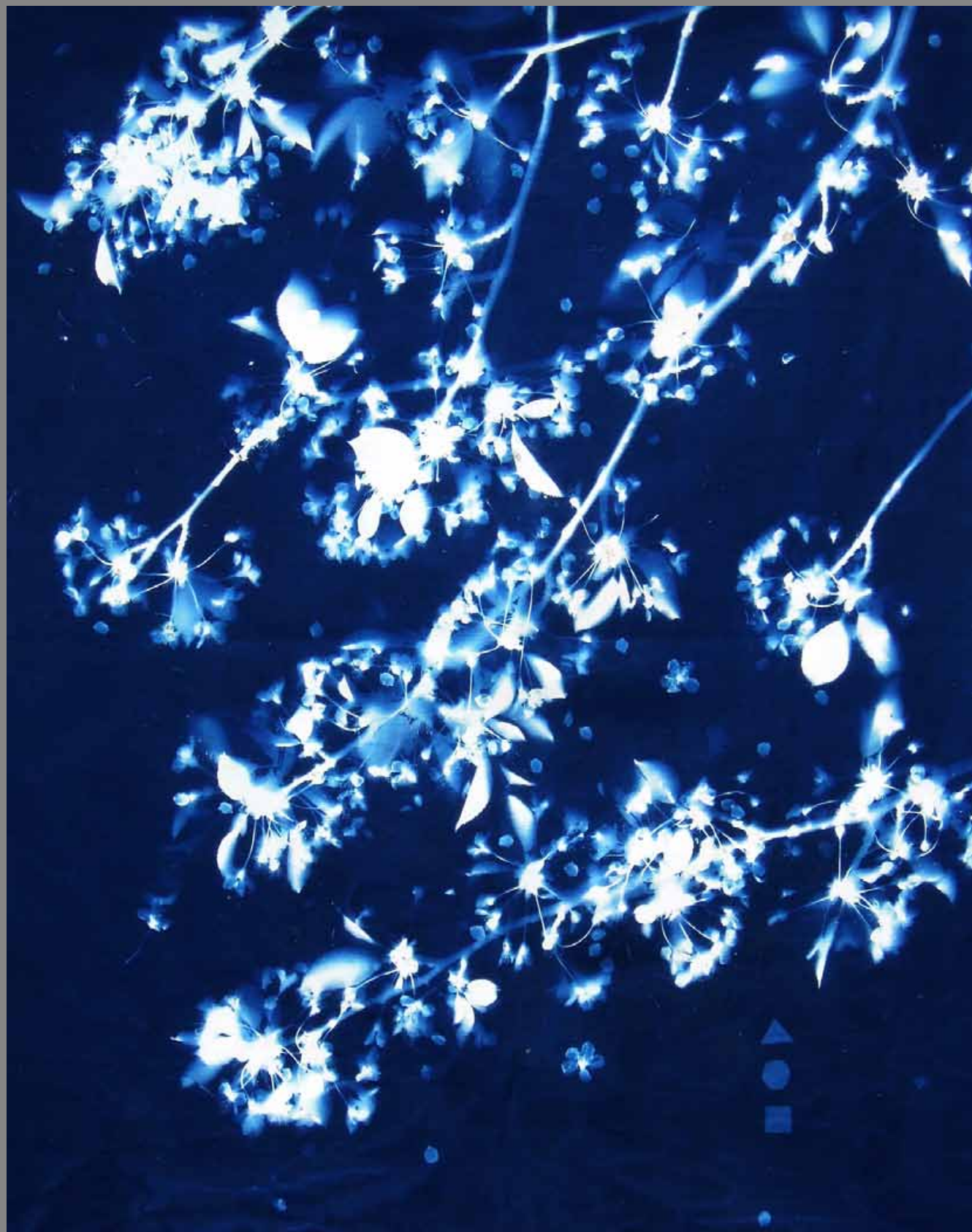
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Chestnut Blossoms

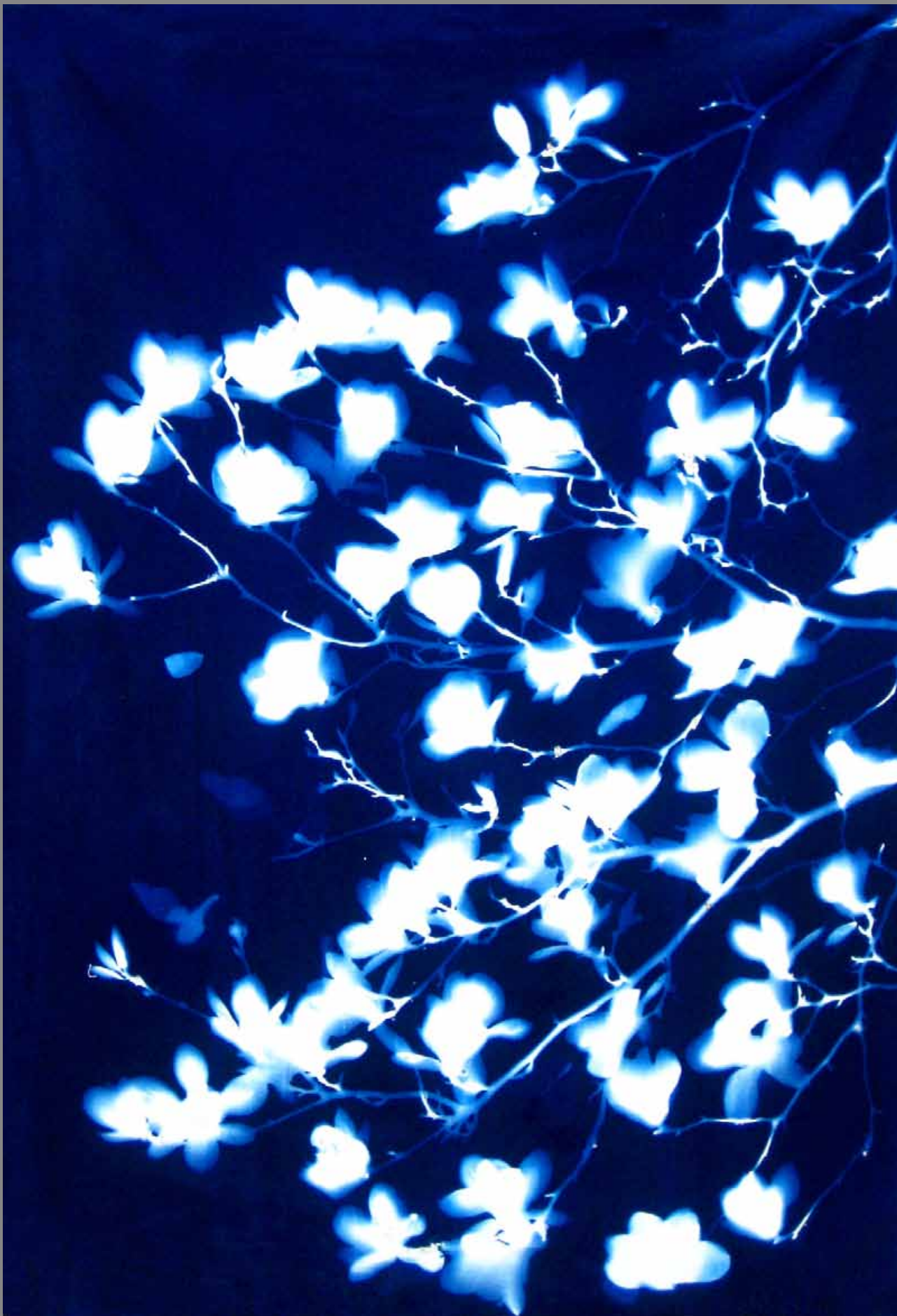
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Cherry Blossoms IV

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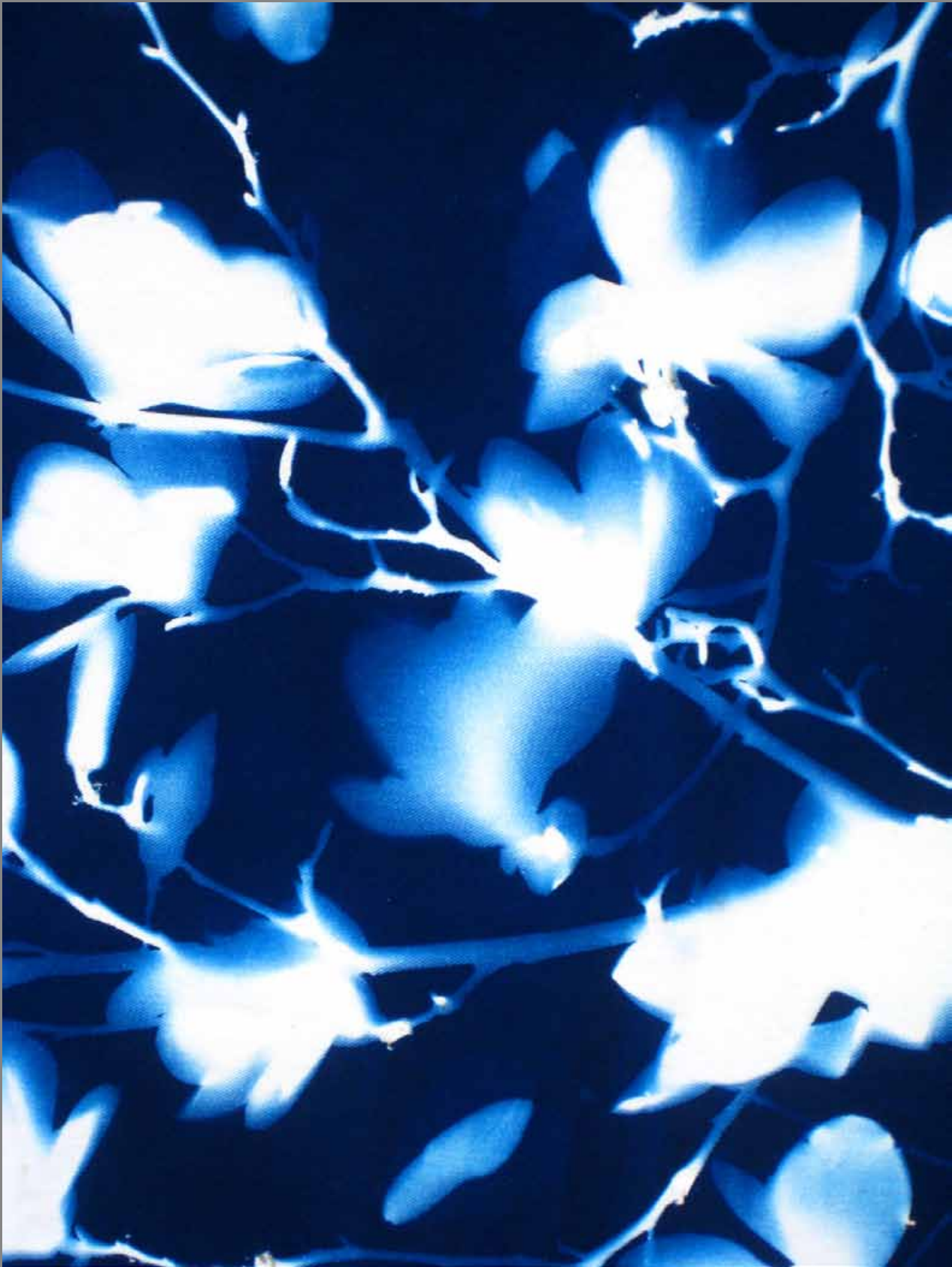
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Magnolia Blossoms IV

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detail



Magnolia Blossoms III +detail

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Apricot Blossoms I

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Hollyhock

2013 (1 of 2)

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detail



Wildflowers

2013 cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.
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Daylilies

2013 (2 of 3) cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.



Wild Sunflowers

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High Park Wildflowers (Golden Rod, Purple Loosestrife, Miscanthus Grass)

2013 cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature 1.42 x .92 m / 56 x 36 in. / ~5 x 3 ft.



Small Sunflowers

2013

Cyanotype solargraph on cotton

1.21 x .81 m / 48 x 32 in. / ~ 4 x 3 ft.

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Miscanthus Grass

2013

Cyanotype solargraph on cotton

.91 x .66 m. / 36 x 26 in. / ~3 x 2 ft.

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Cedar Branch

2013 (1 of 2)

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cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature

36 x 26 in. / ~3 x 2 ft.



Scotch Pine Branch

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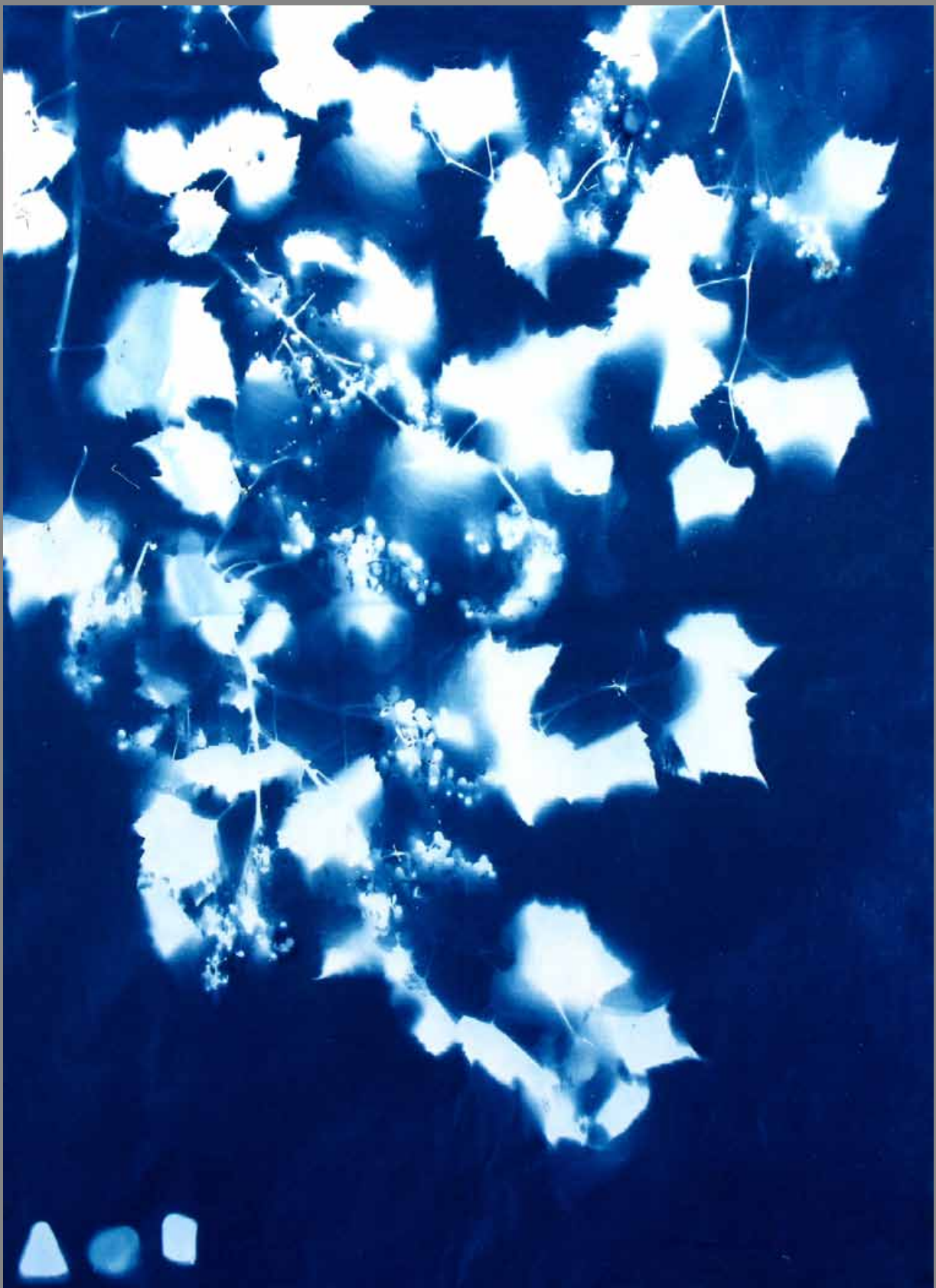
Fir Branch

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Juniper Branch

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Wild Grape Vine

2013 cyanotype solargraph on photosensitized fabric, wood armature .91 x .66 m. / 36 x 26 in. / ~3 x 2 ft.



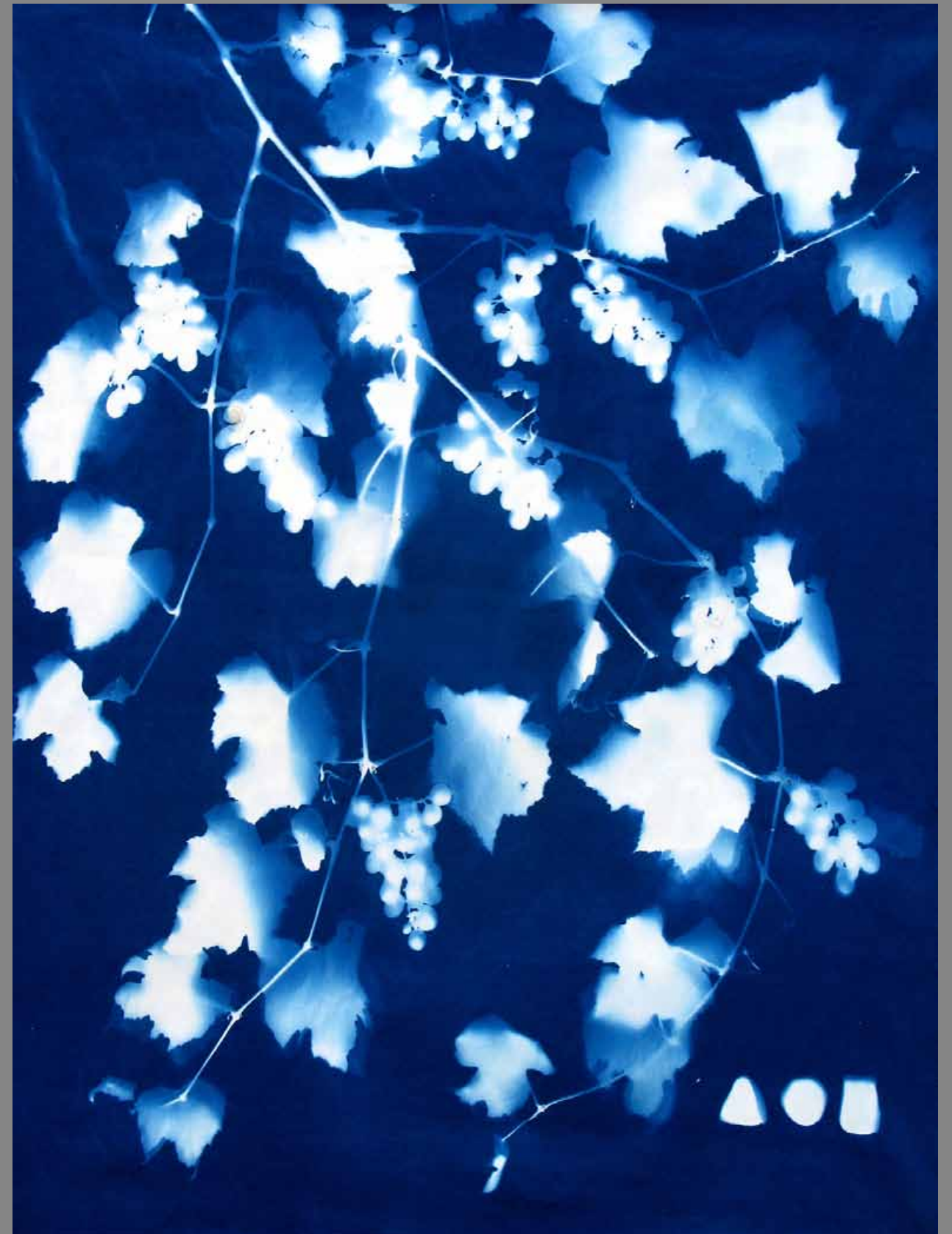
Large Grape Vine

2013

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Small Grape Vine

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Large Apple Branch

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Small Apple Branch

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