

Connie
Crothers

• CONNIE CELEBRATION • 2016



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Connie Crothers Celebration Book
• studio Spirale / Carol Liebowitz • co-production 2016 •



Love & Music

A Celebration of Connie Crothers

November 13, 2016 Roulette

PROGRAM

Charley Krachy (*tenor saxophone*)

Welcoming Remarks: Kazzrie Jaxen

Video: Sheila Jordan (*voice*) & Cameron Brown (*bass*)

Poems by Paula Hackett (*read by Barbara Register*) &
Rudi Mwongozi (*piano*)

Richard Tabnik (*alto saxophone*)

Harvey Diamond (*piano*)

Sean Smith (*bass*)

Lou Grassi (*drums*)

Alexis Parsons (*voice*) & Frank Kimbrough (*piano*)

Jemeel Moondoc (*alto saxophone*)

On Ka'a Davis (*guitar*)

Ras Moshe (*tenor saxophone*)

Felice Rosser (*bass & voice*)

Reggie Sylvester (*drums*)

Carmen Rivers (*speaker*)

Kazzrie Jaxen (*piano*)

Gary Levy (*alto saxophone*)

Jimmy Halperin (*tenor saxophone*)

Joe Solomon (*bass*)

Roger Mancuso (*drums*)

Yuko Otomo (*poetry*)

Kevin Norton (*drums & vibraphone*)

Claire de Brunner (*bassoon*)

Daniel Carter (*horns*)

Ed Pastorini (*piano*)

Ed Schuller (*bass*)

Deborah Masters (*speaker*)

Carol Liebowitz (*piano*)

Nick Lyons (*alto saxophone*)

Lorenzo Sanguedolce (*tenor saxophone*)

Ken Filiano (*bass*)

Roger Mancuso (*drums*)

Carol Liebowitz (*piano*) & Bill Payne (*clarinet*)

Warren Smith (*vibraphone*)

Karen Borca (*bassoon*)

Andrew Lamb (*tenor saxophone*)

Steve Swell (*trumpete*)

Ken Filiano (*bass*)

Jackson Krall (*drums*)

Mark Weber (*poetry*) & Ratzon B. Harris (*bass*)

Andrea Wolper (*voice & composition*)

Patrick Holmes (*clarinet*)

Ken Filiano (*bass*)

Michael TA Thompson (*soundrhythmium*)

Mara Rosenbloom (*piano*)

Claire de Brunner (*bassoon*)

Adam Caine (*guitar*)

Adam Lane (*bass*)

Jay Clayton (*voice*)

Virg Dzurinko (*piano*)

Ryan Messina (*trumpet*)

Jessica Jones (*tenor saxophone*)

Adam Lane (*bass*)

Federico Ughi (*drums*)

Patricia Nicholson Parker (*dance*)

Bill Mazza (*art projection*)

Jason Kao Hwang (*violin*)

Melanie Dyer (*viola*)

Jochem van Dijk (*bass guitar*)

Michael TA Thompson (*soundrhythmium*)

Steve Dalachinsky (*poetry*)

Henry Grimes (*bass*)

Steve Swell (*trumpete*)

Rob Brown (*alto saxophone*)

Larry Roland (*bass*)

Warren Smith (*drums*)

Michael Moss (*clarinet*)

Dori Levine (*voice*) & Andy Fite (*guitar & voice*)

Michael Bisio (*bass*)

Michael Wimberly (*drums*)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness® (*art projection*)

Cheryl Richards (*voice*)

Nick Lyons (*alto saxophone*)

Will Jhun (*tenor saxophone*)

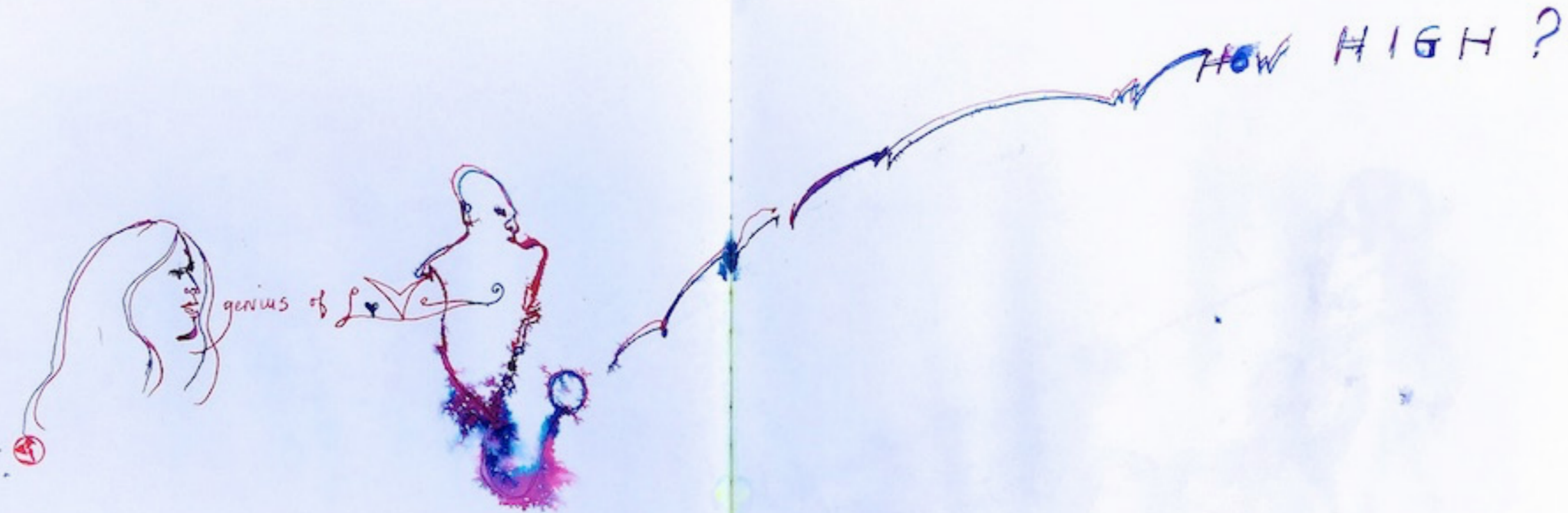
Adam Caine (*guitar*)

The program concluded with "Precious Life"

a track from Connie's solo CD,

Music from Everyday Life

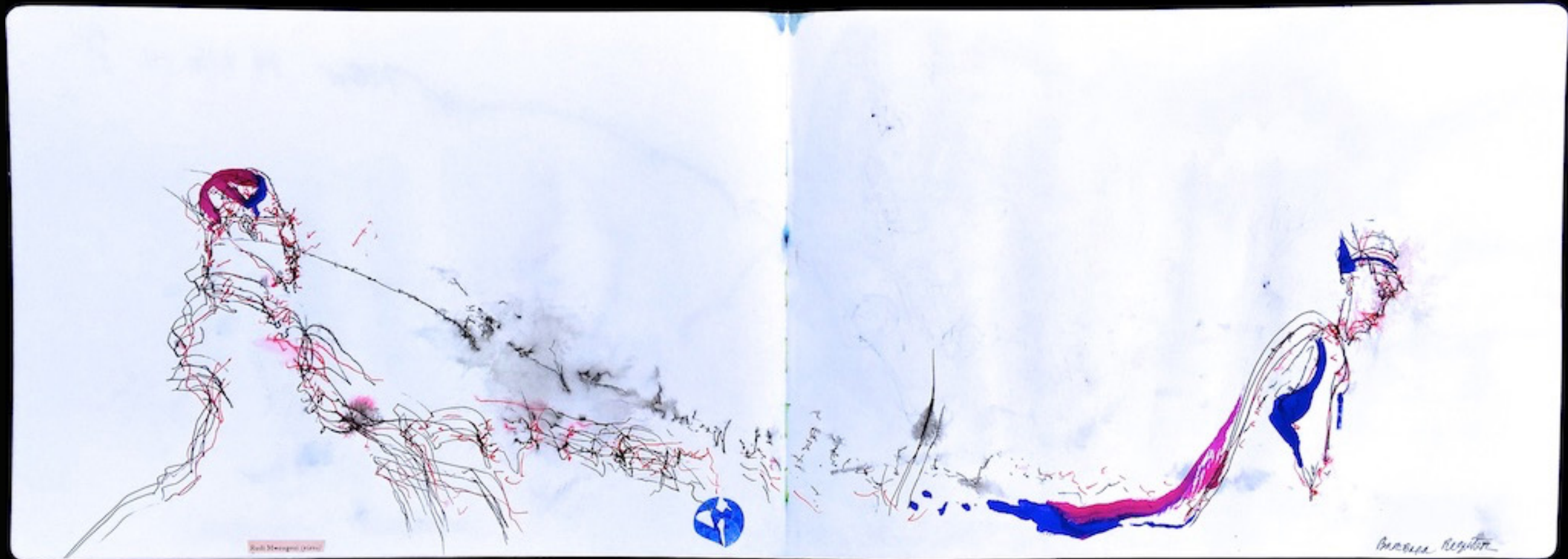
LOVE & MUSIC was produced by Virg Dzurinko, Kazzrie Jaxen, Carol Liebowitz, and Andrea Wolper, with generous assistance from the following people: Jim Staley, Stéphanie Palmer, Ian Bjorstad, Gina Dyches, and the entire staff at Roulette; Wendy Oxenhorn and Alisa Hafkin at the Jazz Foundation of America; and our amazing friends and colleagues Cheryl Richards, Abby London-Crawford, Dori Levine, Scott Friedlander, and Maryanne De Prophetis.



Welcoming Remarks: Kazzrie Jaxen

Charley Krachy (over microphone)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *How High?* (Kazzrie Jaxen and Charley Krachy)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #2 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



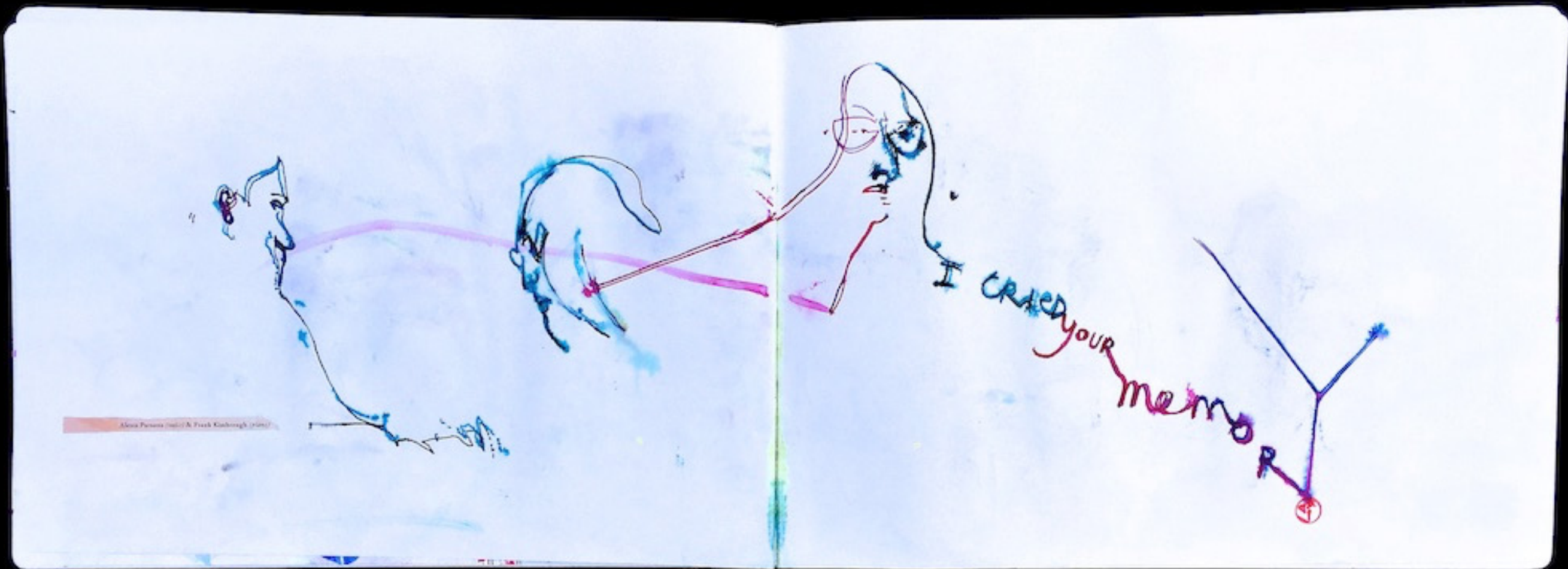
Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Rudi Register* (Rudi Mwongozi & Barbara Register)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #3 made live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Richard Tabnik (alto saxophone)
Harvey Diamond (piano)
Sean Smith (drum)
Lou Grassi (bass)

its even more amazing that
SHE ever existed at all

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: 'even more amazing' (Richard Tabnik, Harvey Diamond, Sean Smith, Lou Grassi)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #4 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *your MemorY* (Alexis Parsons and Frank Kimbrough)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #5 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jemeel Moondoc (alto saxophone)
On Ka'a Davis (guitar)
Ras Moshe (bass) (percussion)
Felice Rosser (drum) (drum)
Reggie Sylvester (vocals)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *SuperMoon* (Jemeel Moondoc, Ras Moshe, On Ka'a Davis, Felice Rosser, Reggie Sylvester)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #6 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Sun Hand Shining* (Kazzrie Jaxen, Gary Levy, Jimmy Halperin, Joe Solomon, Roger Mancuso)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #7 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



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like sounds of a bell ringing through the glass window on its me a magic sorcery in the ocean of wildflowers
a moon-shaped ETERNITY

an anonymous JOY of Living Life

everything everyone we all BREATHE

Yuko Otomo (2016)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: Joy Life (Yuko Otomo)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #8 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



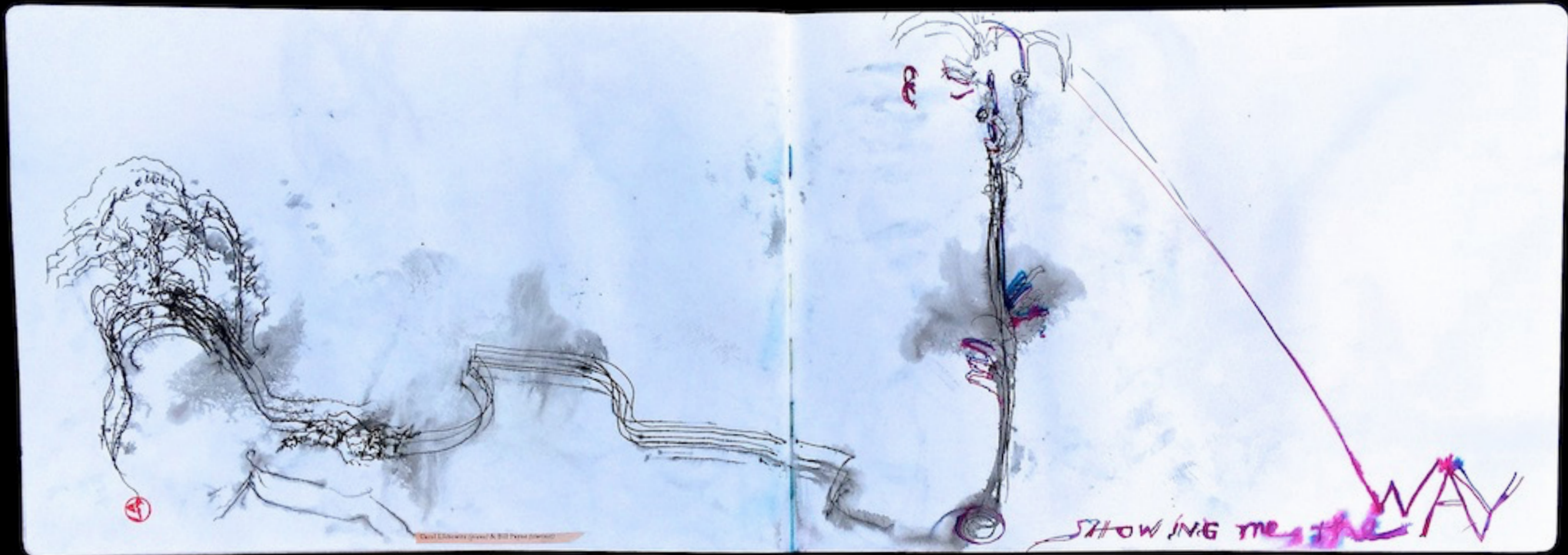
Kevin Norton (trumpet)
Claire de Brunner (saxophone)
Daniel Carter (drums)
Ed Pastorini (piano)
Ed Schuller (bass)

grasping/TRANQUILITY

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *you are* (Kevin Norton, Daniel Carter, Claire de Brunner, Ed Pastorini, Ed Schuller)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #9 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *ROYS JOY* (Carol Liebowitz, Nick Lyons, Lorenzo Sanguedolce, Ken Filiano, Roger Mancuso)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #10 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Carol Liebowitz (guitar) & Bill Payne (piano)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *The Way* (Carol Liebowitz and Bill Payne)
Original art 24 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #11 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Warren Smith (saxophone)
Karen Borca (drums)
Andrew Lamb (clarinet)
Ken Filiano (bass)

Steve Swell (trumpet)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *LamBorcaSwell* (Andrew Lamb, Steve Swell, Karen Borca, Ken Filiano, Warren Smith)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #12 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



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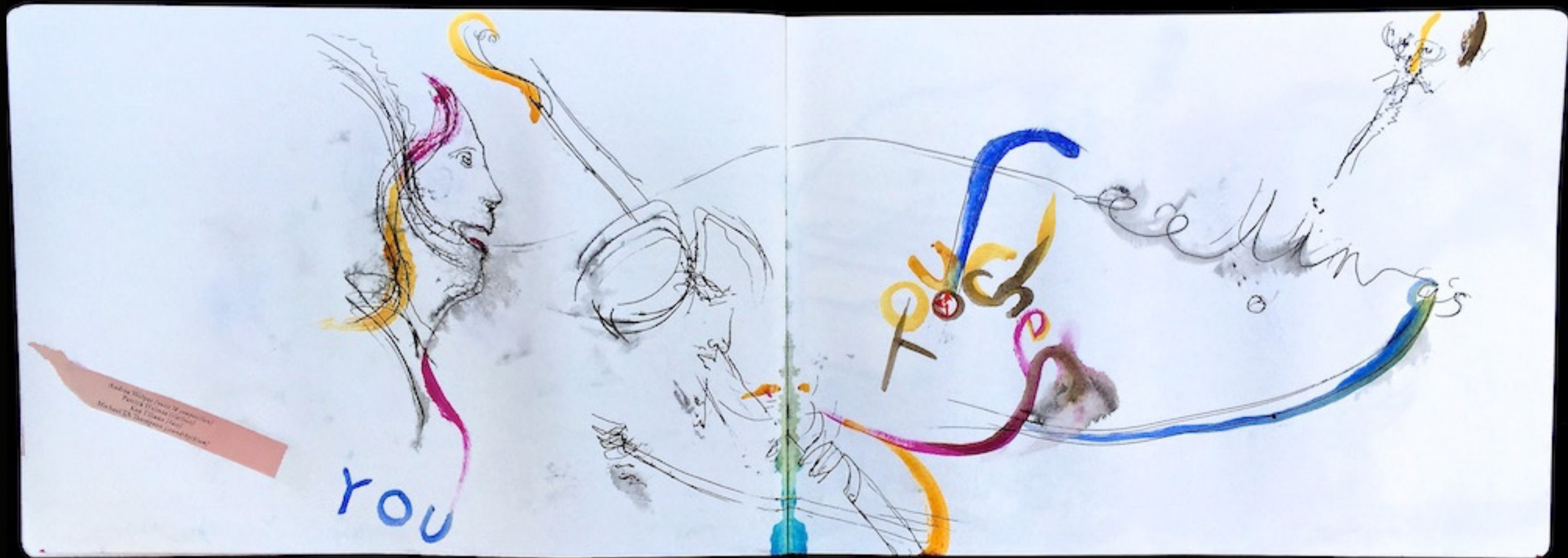
IT'S
Real



anticipate what you hope for

Mark Weber (quill) & Ratto B. Harris (ink)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *IT's Real* (Ratto B. Harris & Mark Weber)
Original art 36 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #13 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *YOU feelings* (Andrea Wolper & Ken Filiano with Patrick Holmes & Michael TA Thompson)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #14 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016

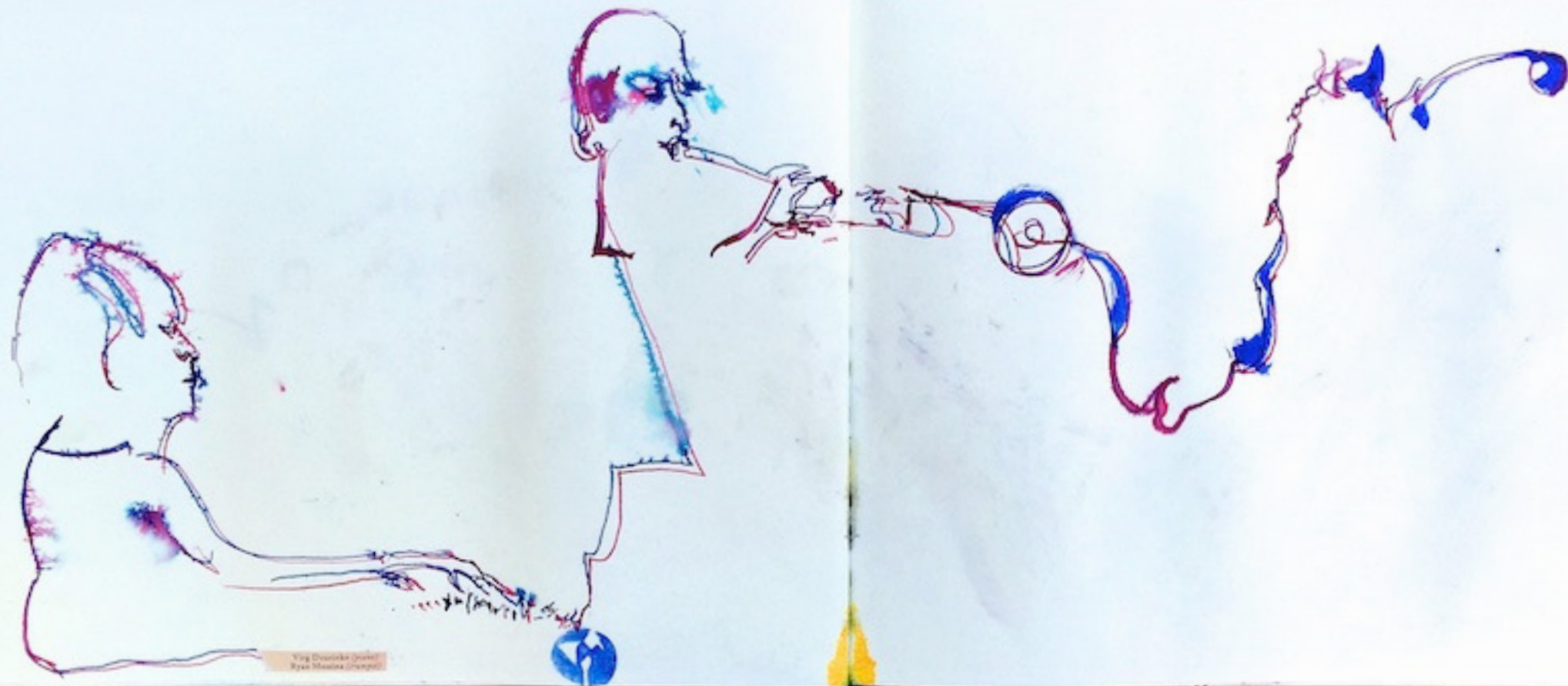


Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Mara Bassoon* (Mara Rosenbloom, Adam Caine, Adam Lane, Claire de Brunner)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #15 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016

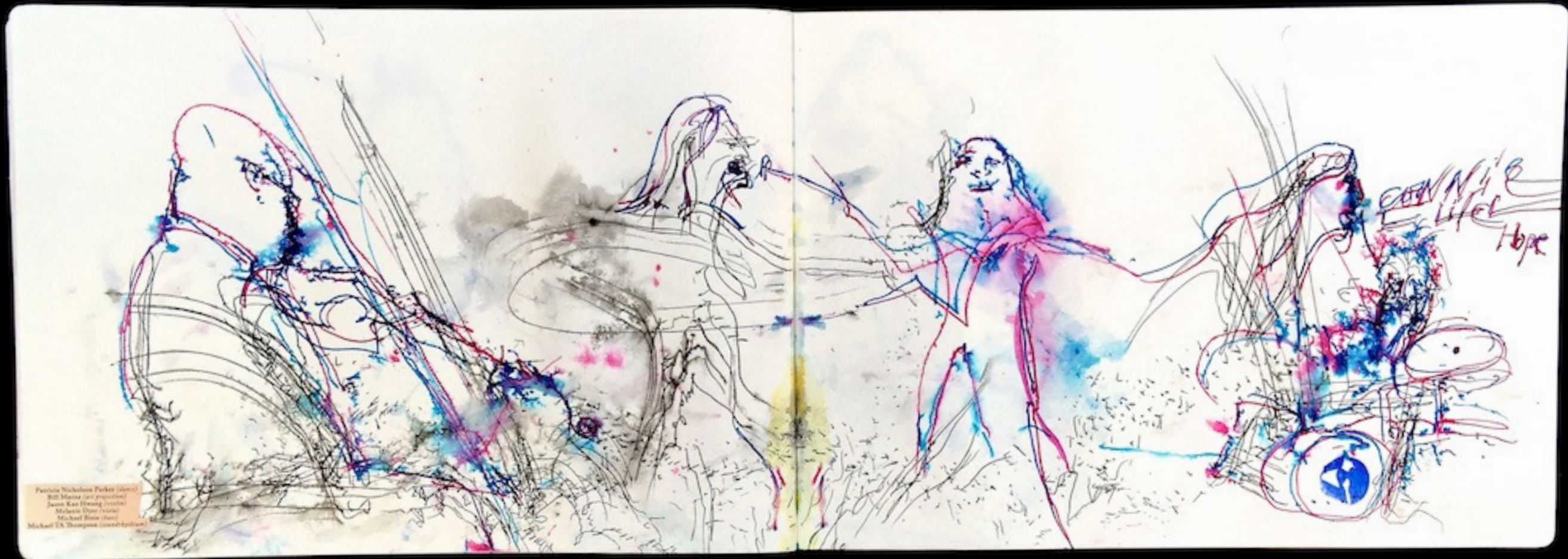


connie was a warrior & an angel
fearless

Jeff Schlanger



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Blue Virg* (Virg Dzurinko, Ryan Messina, Jessica Jones, Adam Lane, Federico Ughi)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #17 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Connie Life Hope* (Patricia Nicholson Parker, Jason Kao Hwang, Melanie Dyer, Bill Mazza, Jochem Van Dijk, Michael TA Thompson)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #18 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016

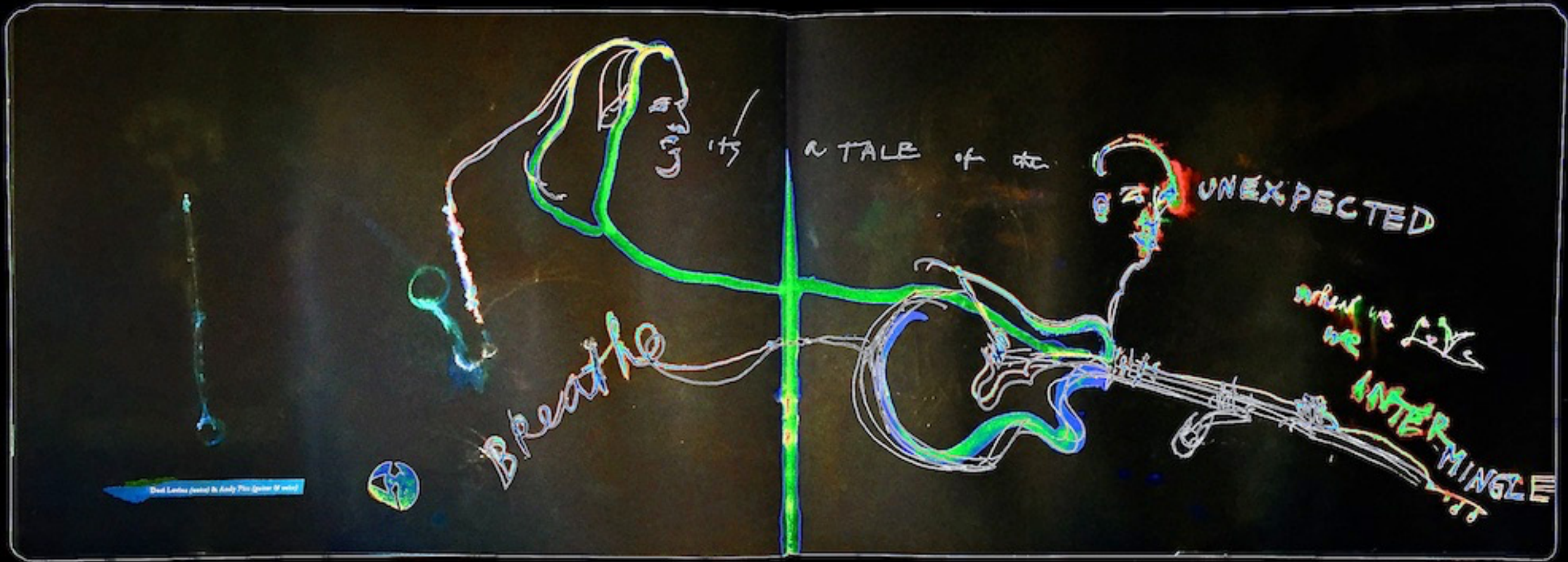


Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: (Henry Grimes Solo)
Original art 36 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #19 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



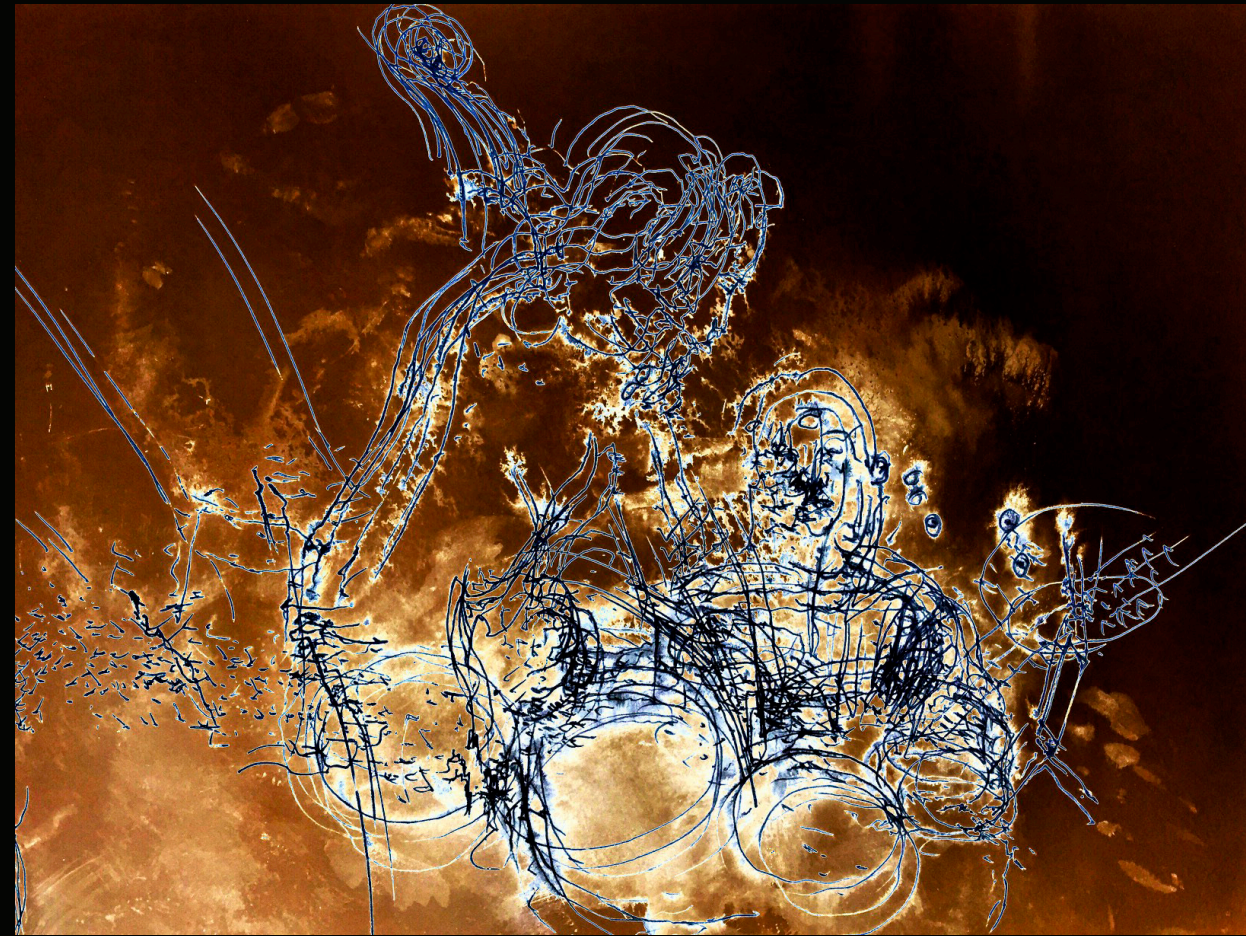
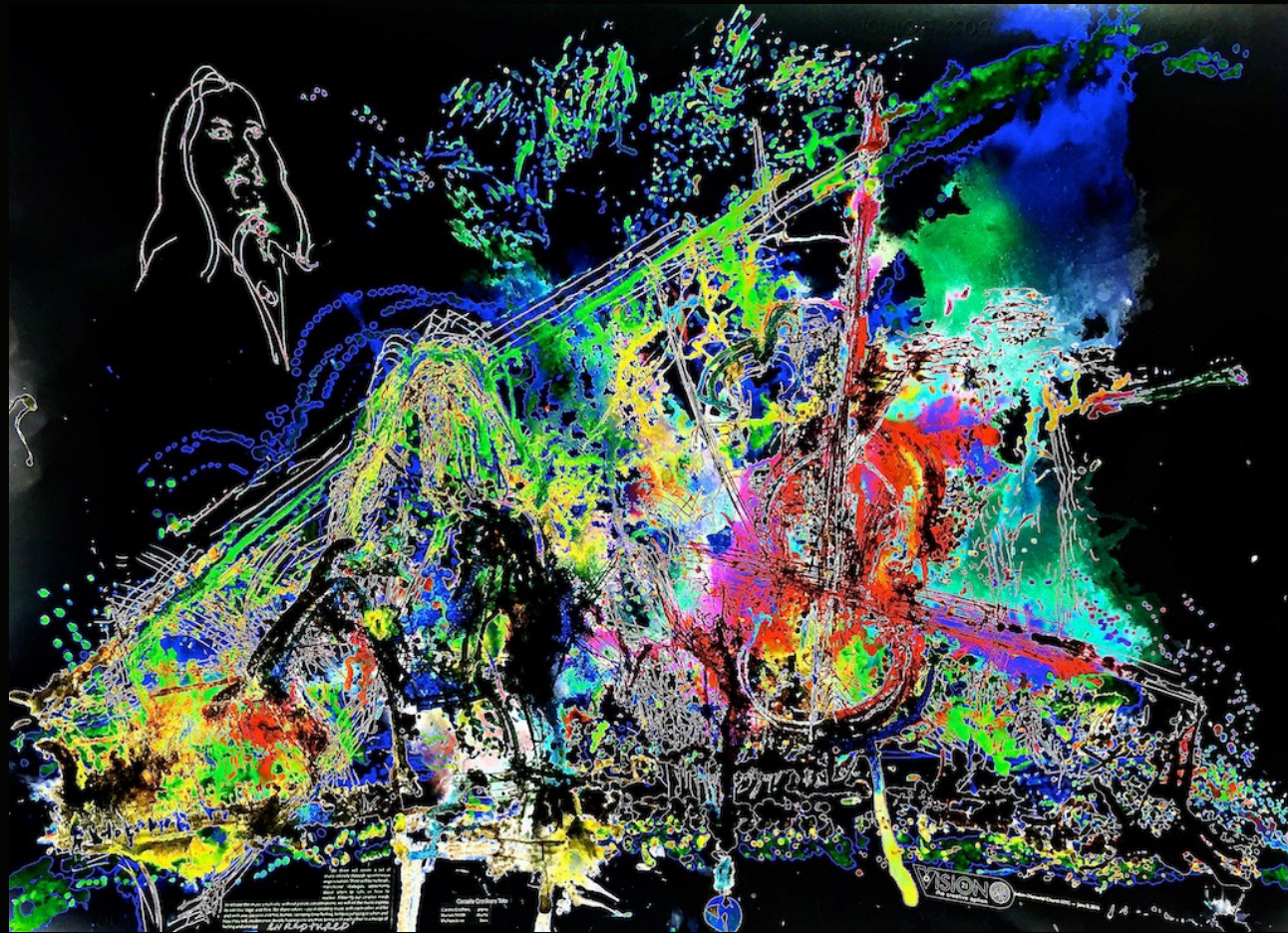
Steve Swell (trumpet)
Rob Brown (alto saxophone)
Larry Roland (bass)
Warren Smith (drums)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Bartok* (Steve Swell, Rob Brown, Larry Roland, Warren Smith and Michael Moss)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #20 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



David Levine (profile) & Andy Fite (inter-mingle)

Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *A Tale Unexpected* (Dori Levine & Andy Fite)
Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #21 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Connie Crothers Celebration Projection*

Left: (Connie Crothers, Michael Bisio, Warren Smith) Original art 70 x 100 cm made Live @ Vision-21 Judson Church NYC June 8, 2016

Right: (Michael Bisio & Michael Wimberly) Original art 12 x 33" in Connie Crothers Celebration Book p. #22 made Live @ Roulette Brooklyn NYC November 13, 2016



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®:

Left: *Kende Dreams* (Steve Swell, Rob Brown, Connie Crothers, Larry Roland, Chad Taylor) Original art 70 x 100 cm made Live @ Vision-21 Judson Church NYC June 9, 2016

Right: *Session at 475 Kent* (Connie Crothers & Michael Bisio) Original art 30 x 45" made Live @ Connie's Loft May 31, 2009



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Brace Me YOU* (Cheryl Richards, Adam Caine, Nick Lyons, Rob Israel)
Original art 12 x 33" in Kent Avenue Book made Live @ Connie's Loft Brooklyn NYC January 30, 2011

precious Life



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *Connie Crothers Precious Life* (Connie Crothers, Michael Bisio, Warren Smith)
Original art 70 x 100 cm made Live @ Vision-21 Judson Church NYC June 8, 2016

musicWitness®: LISTENING to CC

Listening to Ken Filiano or Michael Bisio playing deep strings together with Connie Crothers in many situations, the total presence of each artist's heart is always clearly together with each sound as it is being generated by a unique instrument and its particular dynamic relationship to Connie's touch and to every sound arising in the environment.

As a listener, when that inspired identification is happening throughout a whole community of musicians, poets, artists, dancers in celebration of a spirit that continues to touch & inspire each heart, the spectrum of colors are flowing down into space, opening up by themselves in rhythm. This book is a handmade portrait of an experience with the creative community.

The digital notes you can see so far were iPhone snapshots snatched out of a large-format, hardcopy *Connie Crothers Celebration Book* with thick-paper pages onto which handmade sound-prints have been dropped and soaked-in while living sounds were blooming — you can feel them with your fingertips.

For me, the tactility of this experience is one component of a beautifully-coordinated, glorious dance-party continuing to celebrate the vital, buoyant presence, now and always, of Connie Crothers in our lives.



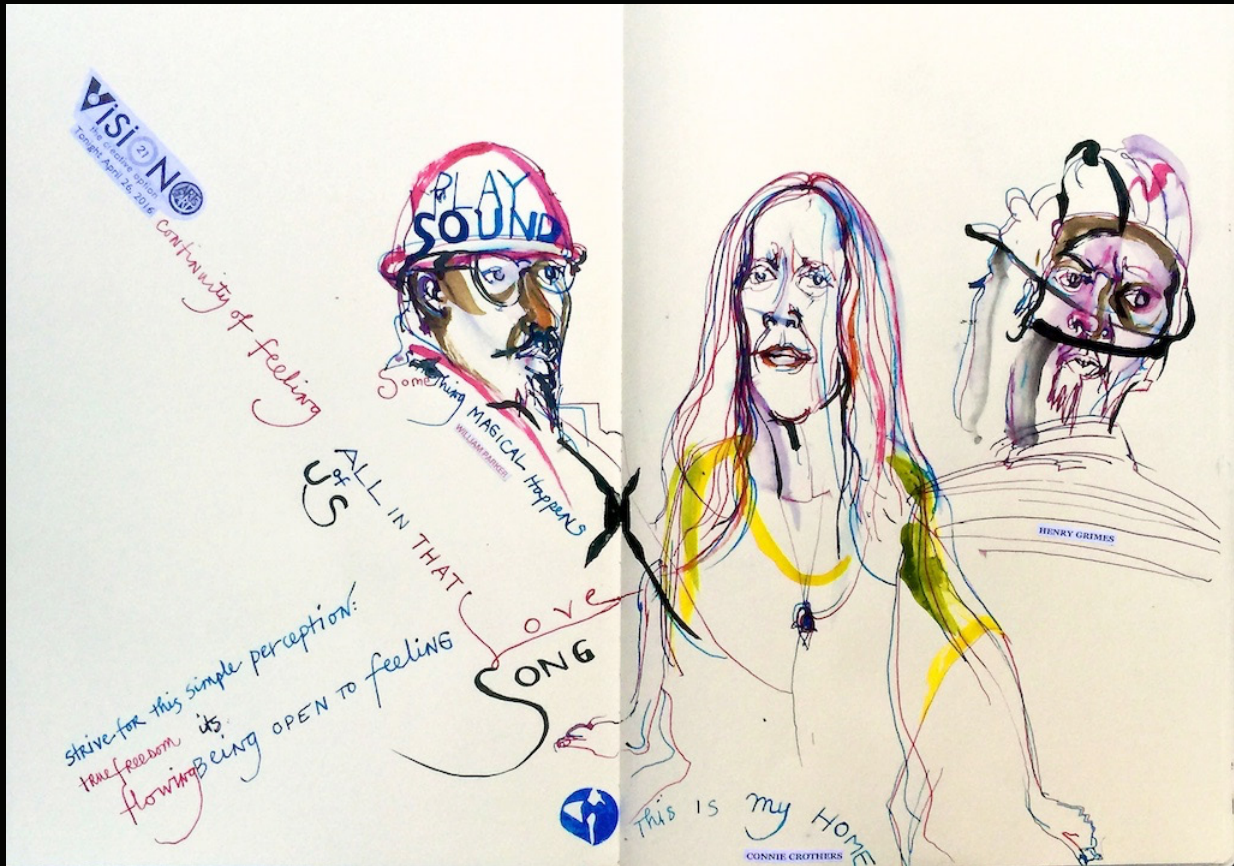
(Jeff Schlanger & Connie Crothers)

Photo-booth portrait @ ARTs for Art Under_Line, Orensanz Arts Center, NYC December 3, 2012



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®.

Left: ONE UNITED BEING (Yuko Otomo & Connie Crothers) Original art 15 x 22" in 'OUR BEST SELVES' Book made Live @ Clemente Soto Velez, NYC April 9, 2015
 Right: Sang SCAT (Connie Crothers & Steve Dalachinsky) Original art 70 x 100 cm made live @ Vision-18 @ Roulette Brooklyn June 14, 2013



Jeff Schlanger, musicWitness®: *My Home* (Connie Crothers with Henry Grimes & William Parker)
 Original art 16.5 x 23" made Live @ Vision-21 Salon, David Gage String Instruments NYC April 26, 2016



**“Truth. Beauty. Love. They merge—
 and when they do, we are free! That’s freedom!
 When we create music, it’s always from love.”**

—Connie Crothers

Arts for Art Under_Line Salon, April 26, 2016,
 in conversation with Henry Grimes and William Parker