



Crossing Lines: Paintings by John Hutton

Exhibition Catalogue
20 June – 1 July 2023

Over and over: Gallery patrons are delivered to empty train stations and bridges in John Hutton's latest solo exhibition



Newcastle Station UK, oil on canvas, 40 × 30 cm

Crossing Lines, an exhibition of paintings by artist John Hutton, runs from 20 June to 1 July 2023 at Woolloongabba Art Gallery in Brisbane.

The collection features meticulously detailed oil paintings of railway stations and bridges, exploring notions of travel and history.

Hutton explains that his work in recent years has concerned personal responses to public spaces. He draws and paints from his own photographs of sites that he has visited locally and abroad. Similarly, his 2017 exhibition, *The Forgotten Theatre*, was based on old photographs he'd taken of an abandoned art deco movie theatre in Toowoomba.

The atmospheric qualities of vacated zones are a continuing source of inspiration for the artist. "My preoccupation is with the emotional potential of physical spaces," he says. "Abandoned places, emptied landscapes and detailed architectural structures bear traces of human presence and are suggestive of what went before, or what might still occur."

Unusual cropping, unexpected viewpoints and strong contrasts of colour, tone and texture in the *Crossing Lines* paintings invite spectators to enter each setting empathetically. In the rendering of familiar scenes of transit, the works become reminders of the passage of time and our experience of distance.

Hutton's own history of repeatedly moving between countries is entwined in the metal fretwork, long shadows and rusted signage of his *Crossing Lines* paintings. "The works document a personal history of departures and returns," he says.

John Hutton lives and works on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. His artworks are held in private collections in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. *Crossing Lines* follows on from solo shows in 2017 (*The Forgotten Theatre*) and 2016 (*27 Degrees S – 151 Degrees E*) at Feather & Lawry Gallery in Toowoomba.

Crossing Lines: Paintings by John Hutton
20 June – 1 July 2023
Opening event Saturday 24 June, 5.30 PM

Woolloongabba Art Gallery (Upstairs)
613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, Qld

For further enquiries, images and interview requests, contact Woolloongabba Art Gallery or email johnhuttonart@gmail.com



#1
Yandina Bridge near the School, oil on canvas, 36 × 46 cm, 2023
\$1,500



#2
Northbridge Tasmania, oil on canvas, 50 × 60 cm, 2022
\$2,200



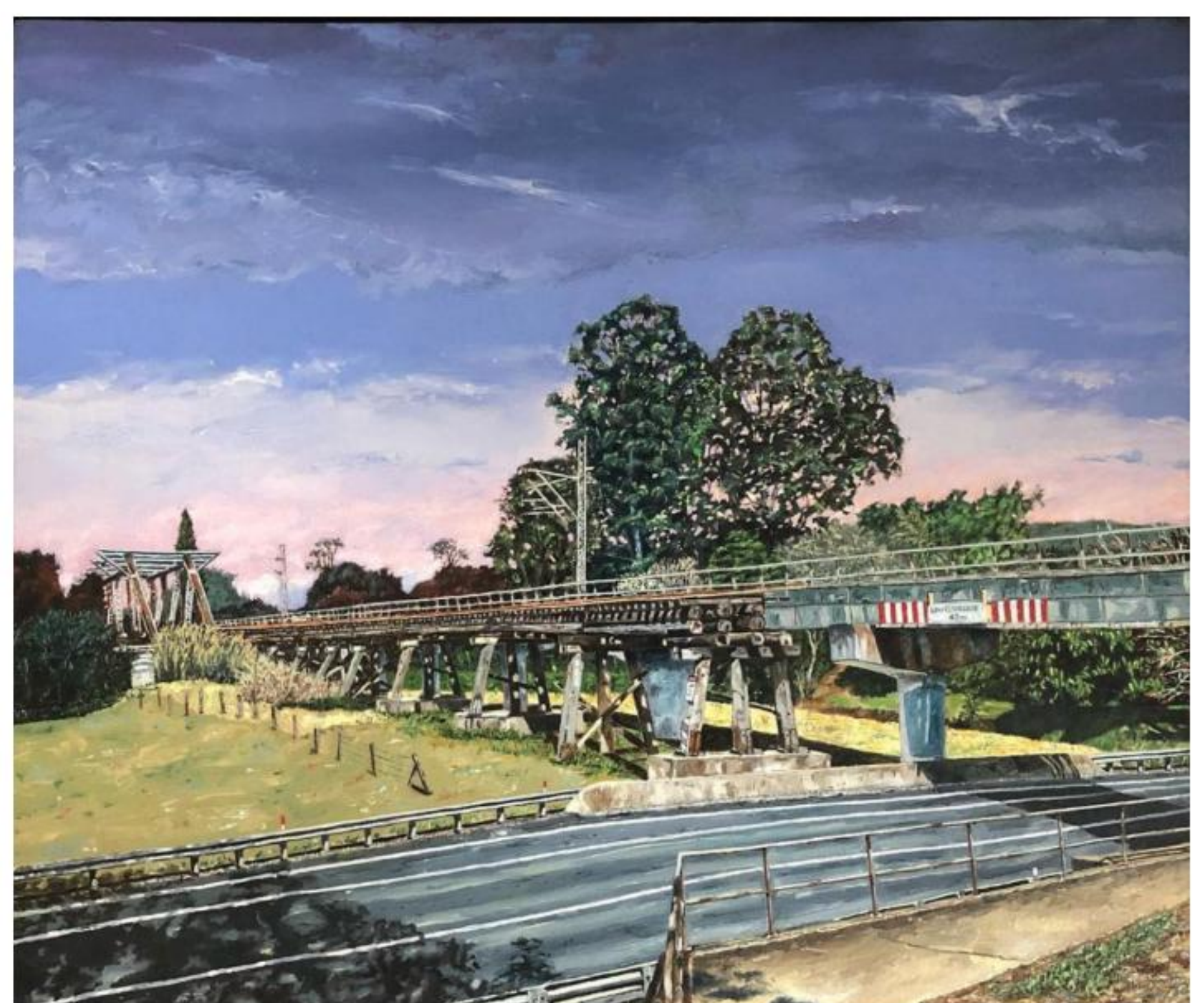
#3
Cooroy Bridge with Tree, oil on canvas, 46 × 36 cm, 2022
\$1,300



#4
Kandanga Bridge, oil on canvas, 30 × 40 cm, 2022
\$1,000



#5
Dickabram Bridge 1, oil on canvas, 50 × 60 cm, 2022
\$1,100



#6
Yandina Bridge near Mt Ninderry, oil on canvas, 50 × 60 cm, 2020
\$1,500



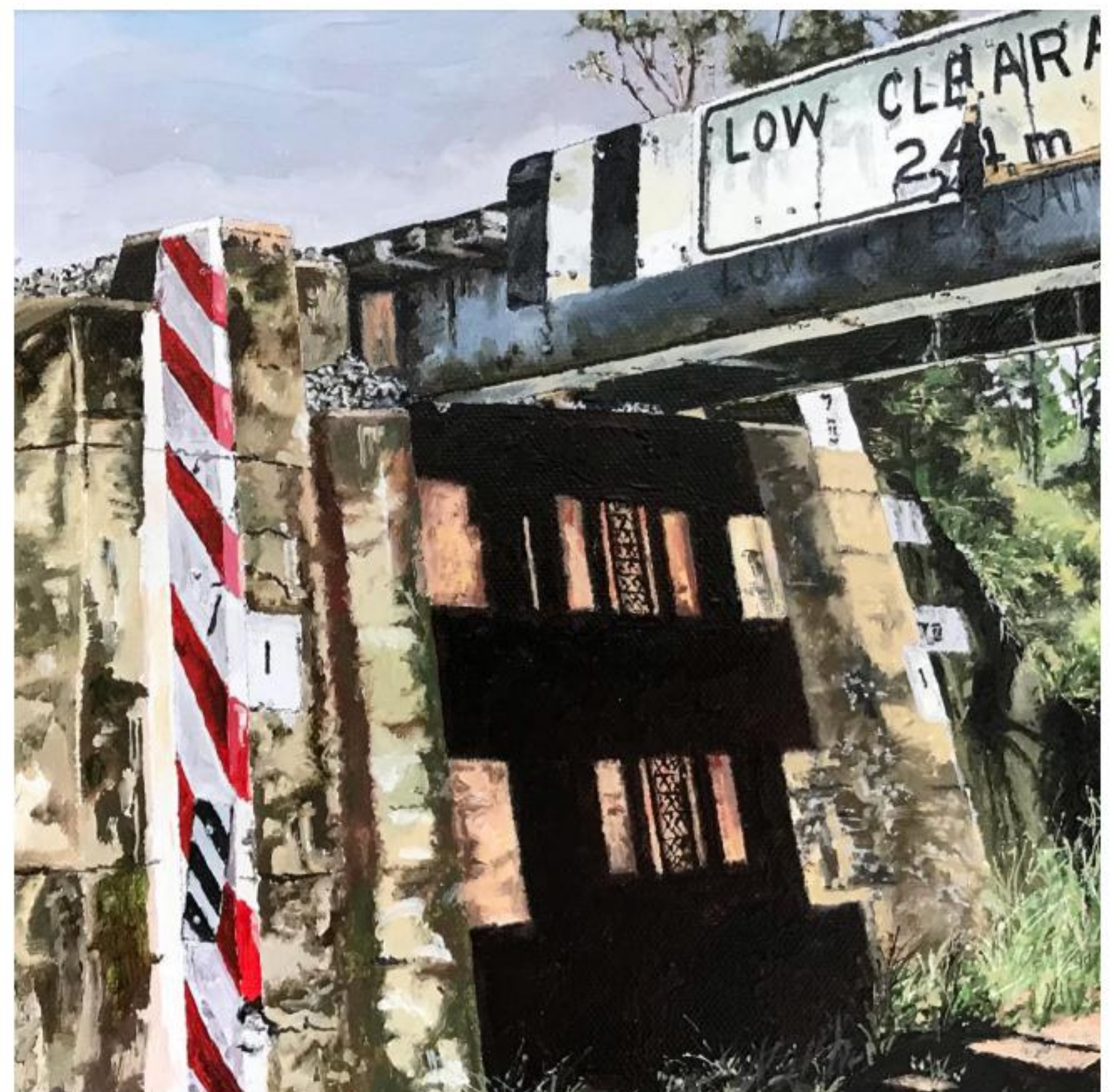
#7
Dickabram Bridge 2, oil on canvas, 40 x 60 cm, 2022
\$2,100



#8
Edinburgh Station with Red Light, oil on canvas, 40 x 50 cm, 2021
\$1,200



#9
The Old Yandina Bridge, oil on canvas, 40 x 30 cm, 2021
\$800



#10
Murphy's Creek Bridge 1, oil on canvas, 31 x 25 cm, 2021
\$350



#11
Murphy's Creek Bridge 2, oil on canvas, 31 x 25 cm, 2021
\$350



#12
Murphy's Creek Bridge 3, oil on canvas, 31 x 25 cm, 2021
\$350



#13
Toowoomba Station, oil on canvas, 40 × 50 cm, 2021
\$1,200



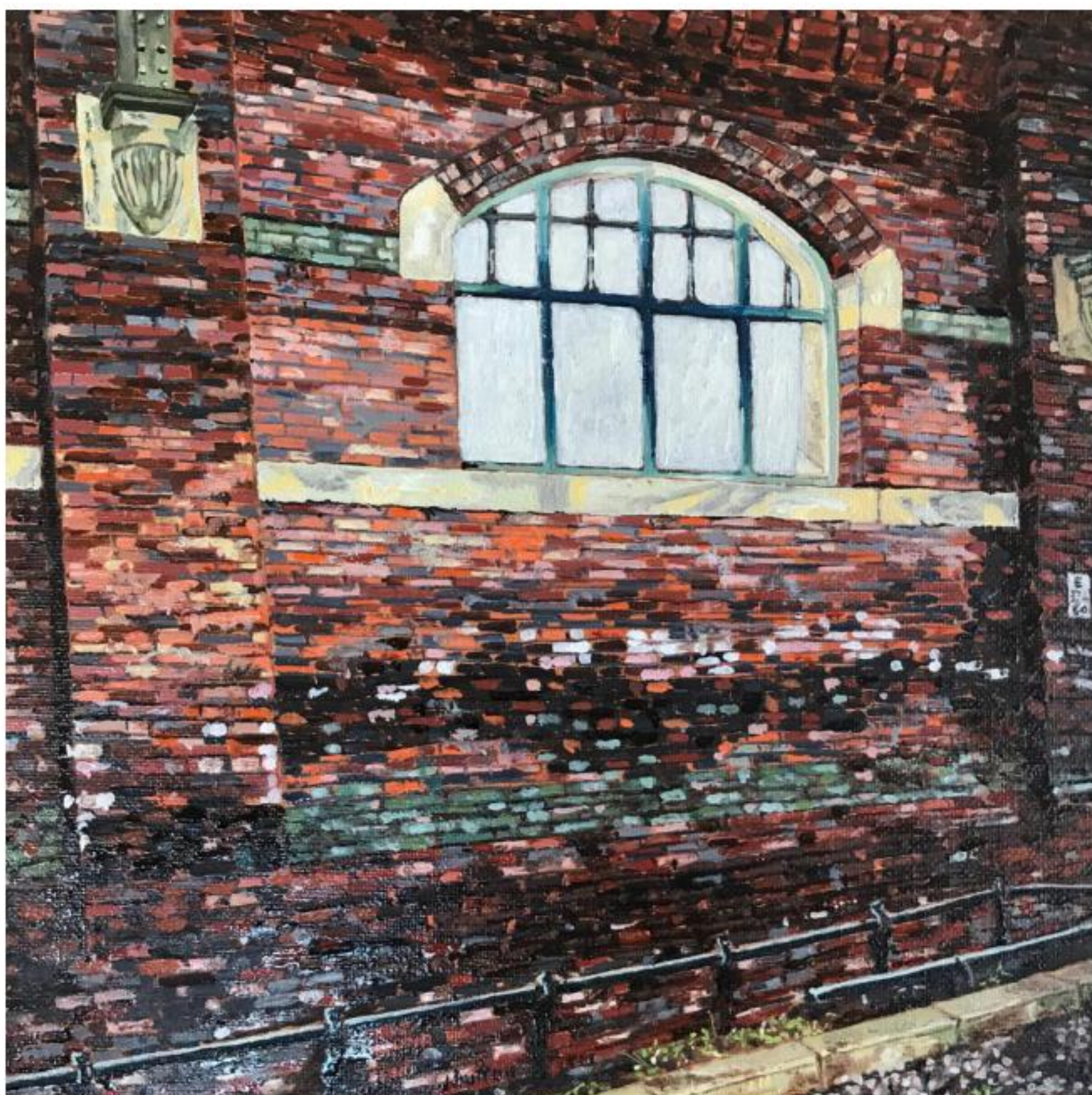
#14
Newcastle Station UK, oil on canvas, 40 × 30 cm, 2021
\$1,100



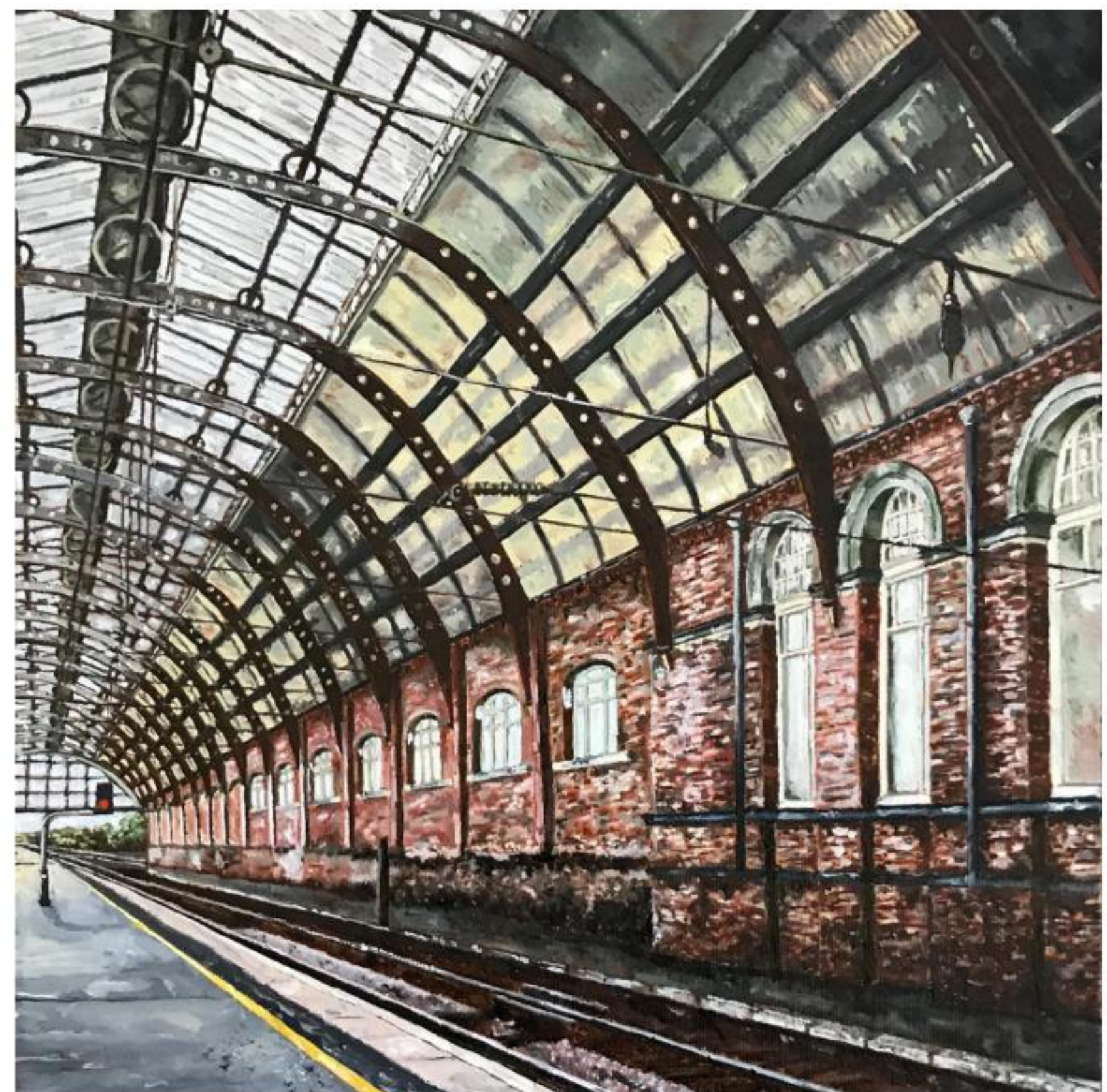
#15
York Station UK, oil on canvas, 40 × 30 cm, 2020
\$1,100



#16
Station Wall UK 1, oil on canvas, 30 × 25 cm, 2020
\$350



#17
Station Wall UK 2, oil on canvas, 30 × 25 cm, 2020
\$350



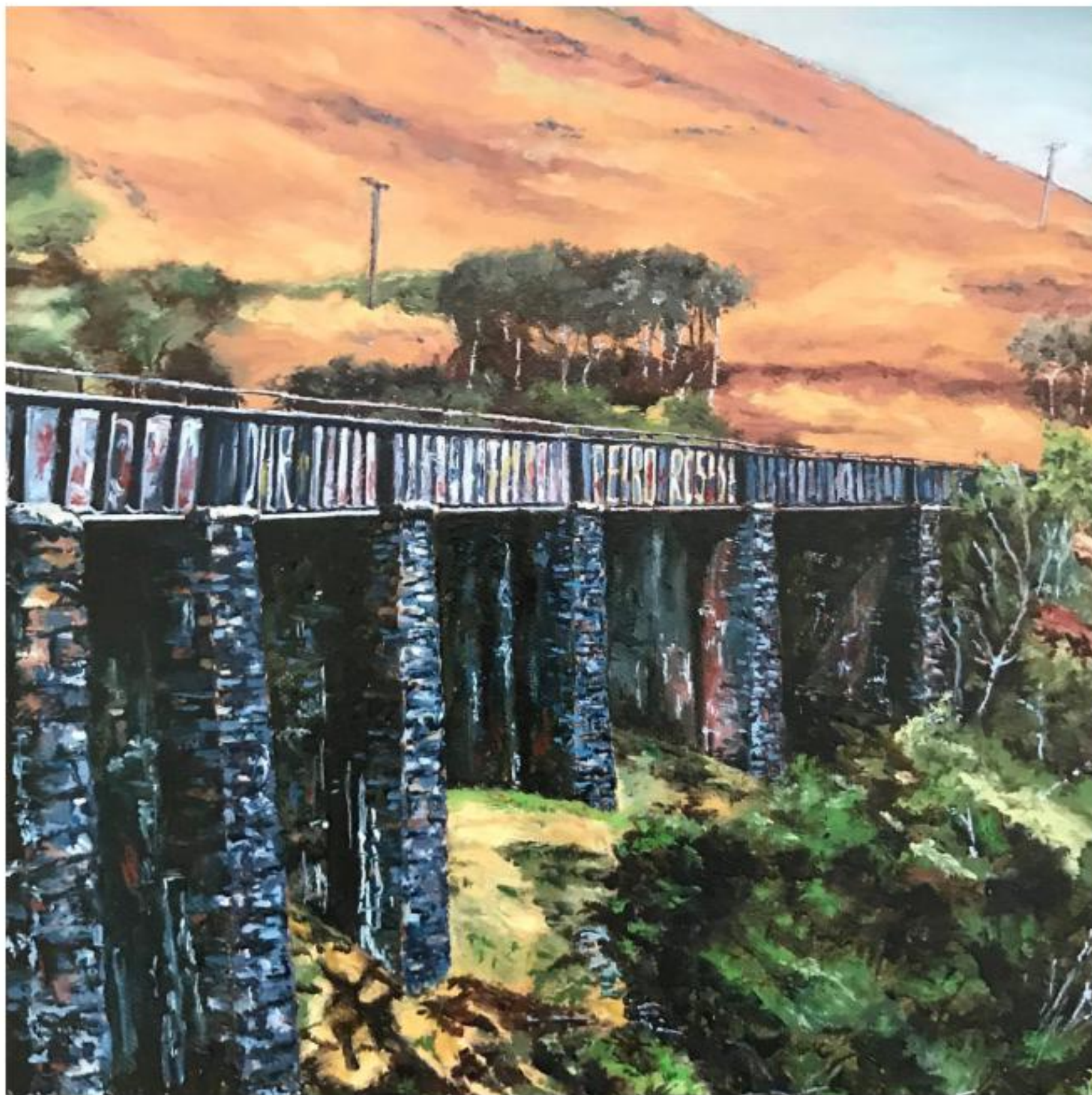
#18
Edinburgh Station with Roof, oil on canvas, 40 × 30 cm, 2020
\$1,100



#19
Preston Station UK, oil on canvas, 50 × 40 cm, 2020
\$1,300



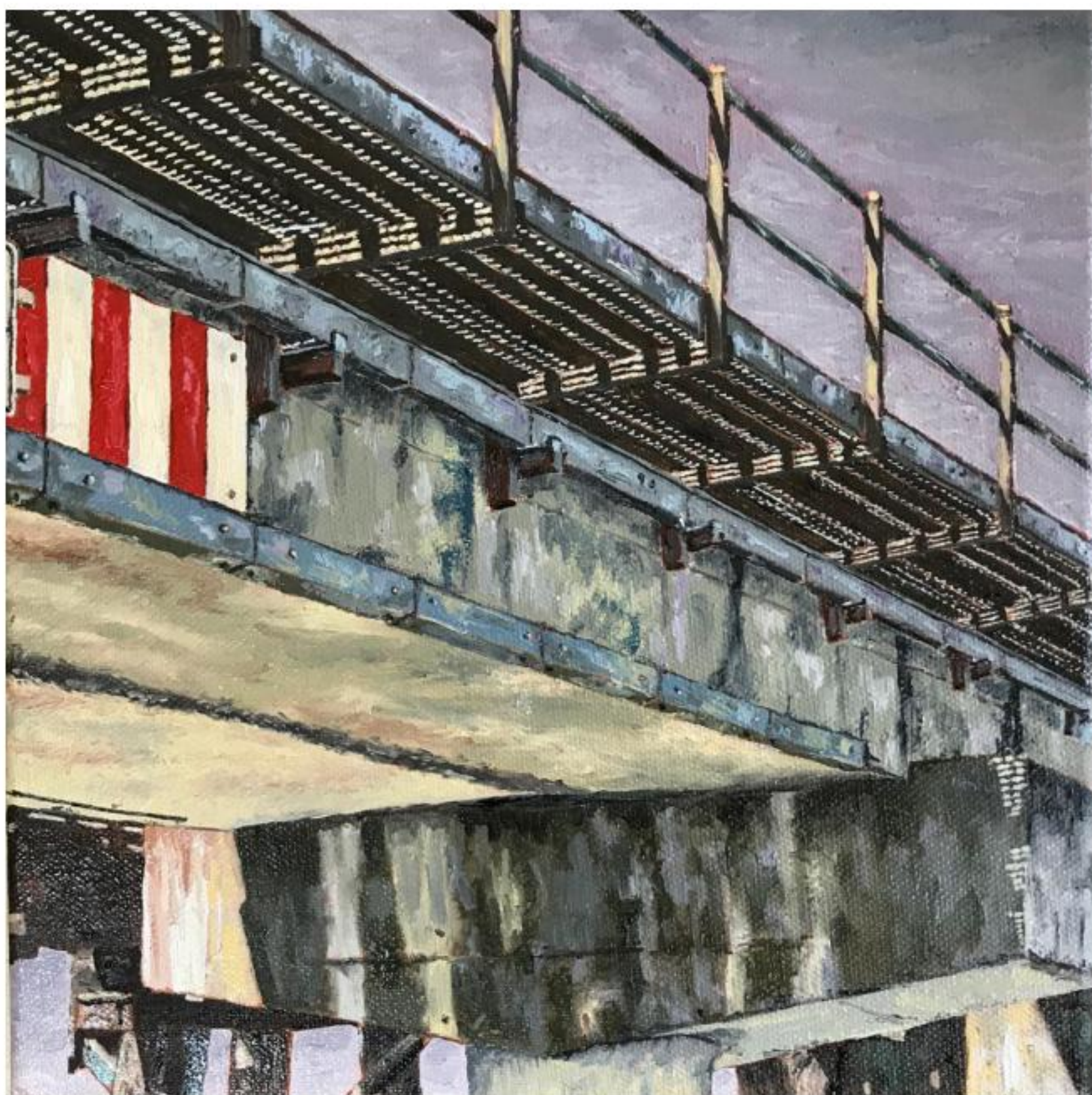
#20
Viaduct in Ireland 1, oil on canvas, 35 × 28 cm, 2020
\$800



#21
Viaduct in Ireland 2, oil on canvas, 35 × 28 cm, 2020
\$800



#22
Viaduct in Ireland 3, oil on canvas, 35 × 28 cm, 2020
\$800



#23
Yandina Bridge Section 1, oil on canvas, 30 × 25 cm, 2020
\$450



#24
Yandina Bridge Section 2, oil on canvas, 30 × 25 cm, 2020
\$450



#25
Nambour Bridge Section, oil on canvas, 30 × 25 cm, 2020
\$450



#26
Yandina Footbridge, oil on canvas, 50 × 70 cm, 2019
\$1,200



#27
Nambour Bridge, oil on canvas, 50 × 70 cm, 2019
\$1,200



#28
Cooroy Footbridge, oil on canvas, 50 × 40 cm, 2019
\$1,000



#29
Cooroy Bridge with Dark Sky, oil on canvas, 50 × 40 cm, 2019
\$1,200