

The Trials and photos of a New York Yellow Taxi Hack and the stories that make him The King of New York Hacks.

KING OF NEW YORK HACKS

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The King and New Amsterdam Part Two

Well we left off part one with the little Dutch girl walking down the stairs in her wooden shoes...so I guess its appropriate to start off part two with the Dutch Band Kleintje Pils (Half a Lager) from the town of Sassenheim playing one of their folk songs, they also played at the Olympics this year...AND they wear wooden shoes !!!! Its 2 minutes.

This I found interesting because although this festival was on a day that they used to have Memorials for 9/11, an artist who created a Panoramic drawing on a continuous piece of paper, kind of like a high quality paper towel that you'd wipe your hands with at a public bathroom...had her work on display and was also drawing people's requests.

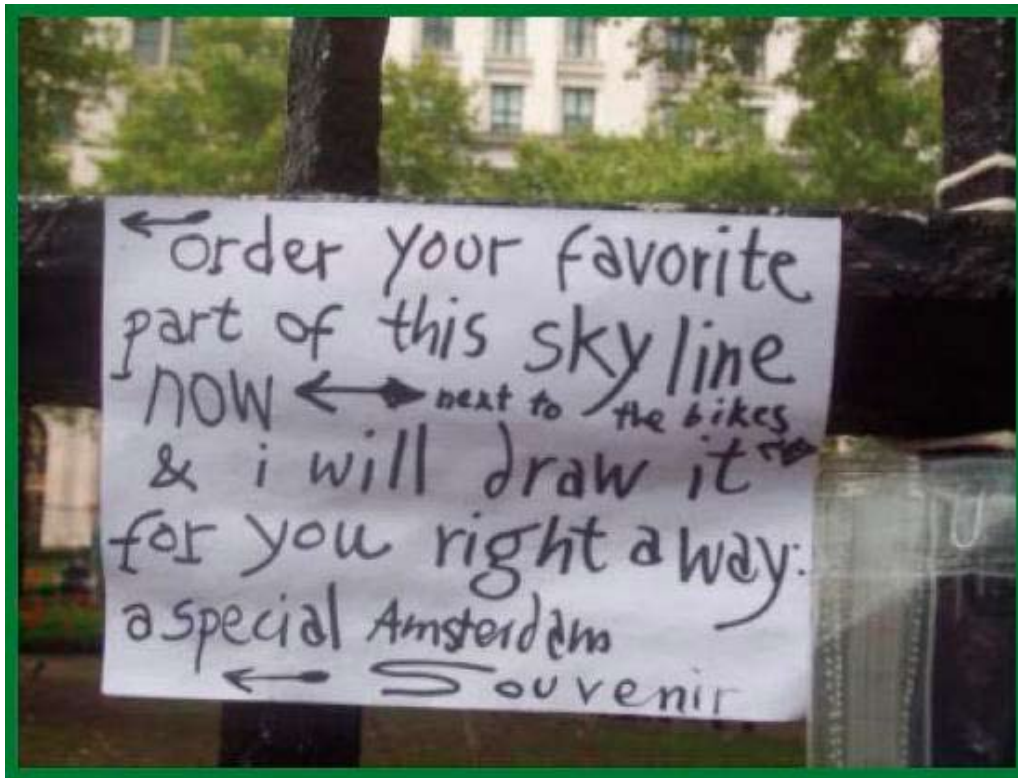
The panoramic drawing was created by Amsterdam artist Corina Teunissen van Manen in 1990, and The King thought it would be a brilliant idea to compare her drawings with the real thing, except the pics are from 1987. I am grateful for my very dear friend Frank Zachary Cassano who gave me permission to use these photos from 1987, and they are brilliant.

Frank Zachary Cassano has been a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize and is also a noted food critic and photographer for various sources of information with a specialty in Chinese Cuisine from Chinatown, Sunset Park Brooklyn, to the maritime meals of New England. Frank worked on the 81st floor while The King worked in the smaller World Trade Center building number 4 on the 7th and 8th floors (which 8th being the top floor) which were the Comex and Nymex exchange back then..Thanks for the pics brother, they are great.

So take a look and judge for yourselves...I found the comparisons eerie being that the view of the city I and Frank knew everyday, is sadly no longer there.gone.



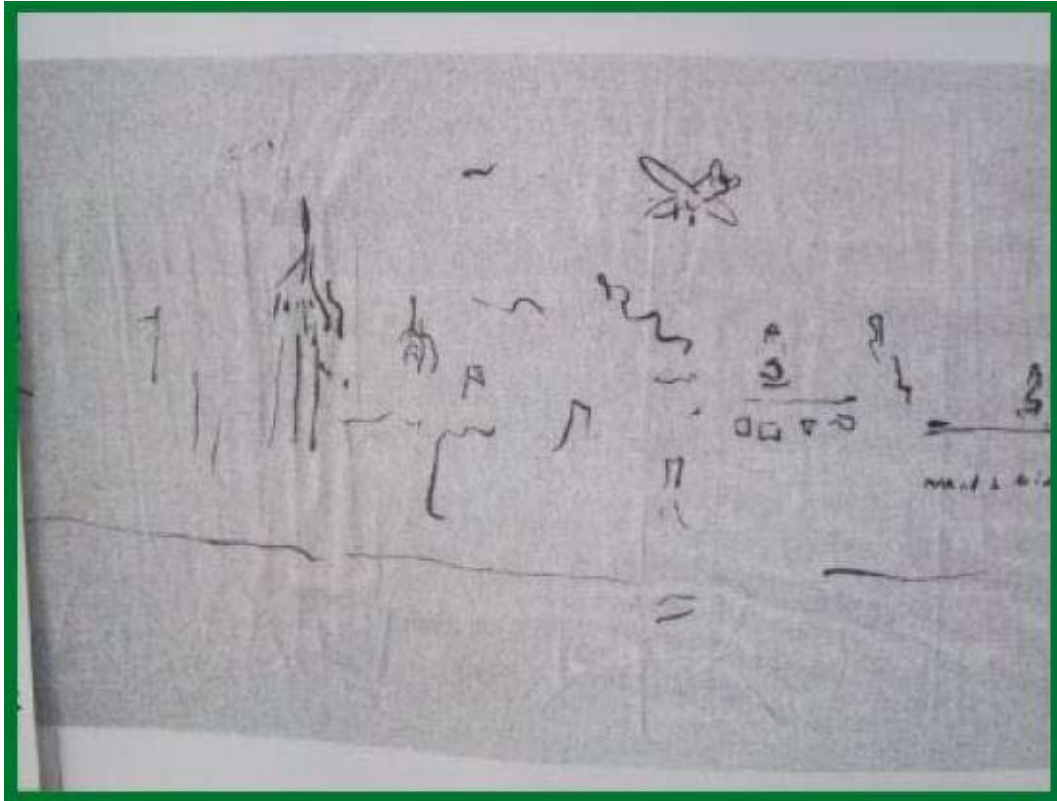
Order from the artist a piece of the skyline who you will see in a bit using the beer wagon... and, what really looks like a paper towel roll from an office or restaurant bathroom...LOL ..only artists would think of that... although a girl wrote a nice note to me on toilet paper once.



The entire drawing was protected in plastic and wrapped around a downtown park that led to the festival. There was no security, and nobody messed with it at all...New York gets a bad rap sometimes....now if it was left there overnight, it would be graffiti the next day no doubt !! HA !



Plane flying by The Empire State building 1990...Small aircraft have to take different routes since Cory Lidle of The New York Yankees flew his small plane into an apartment complex in 2006. R.I.P Cory.

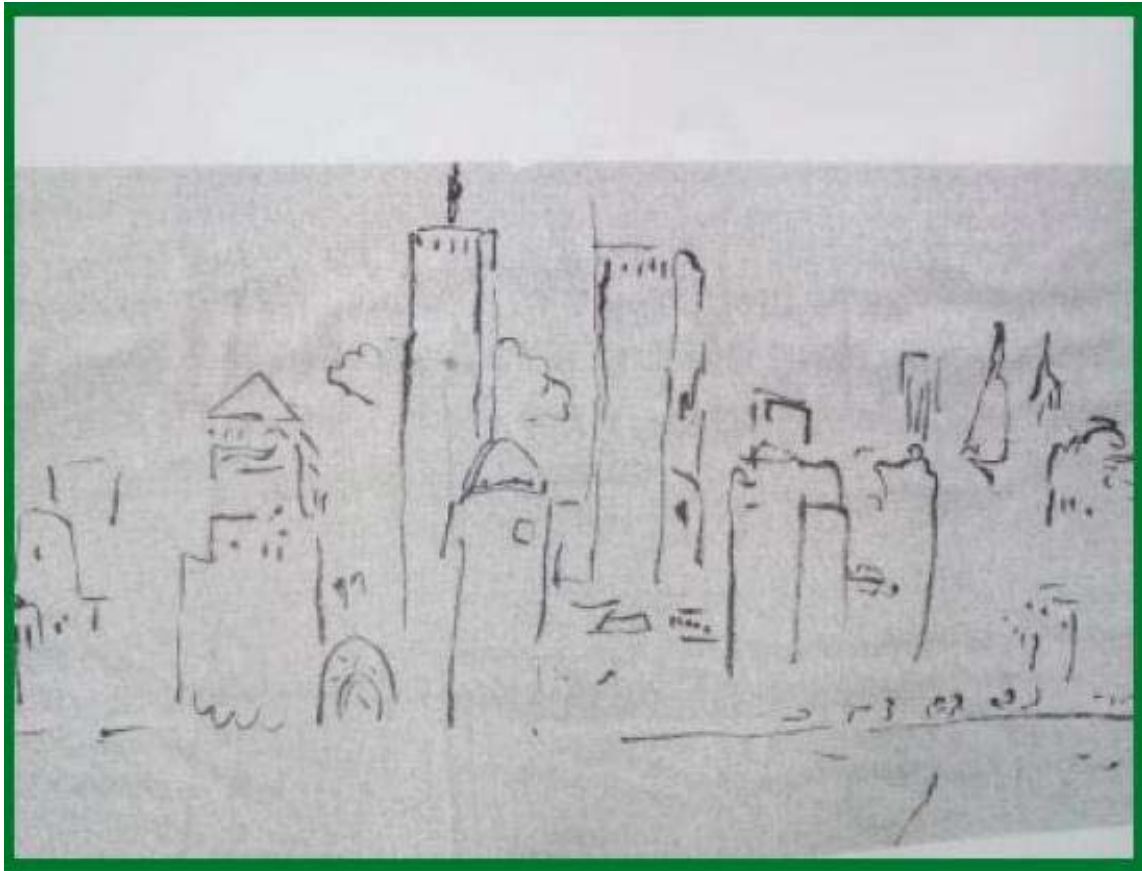


The Empire State Building view from The Twin Towers 81st floor in 1987.
~Frank Zachary Cassano



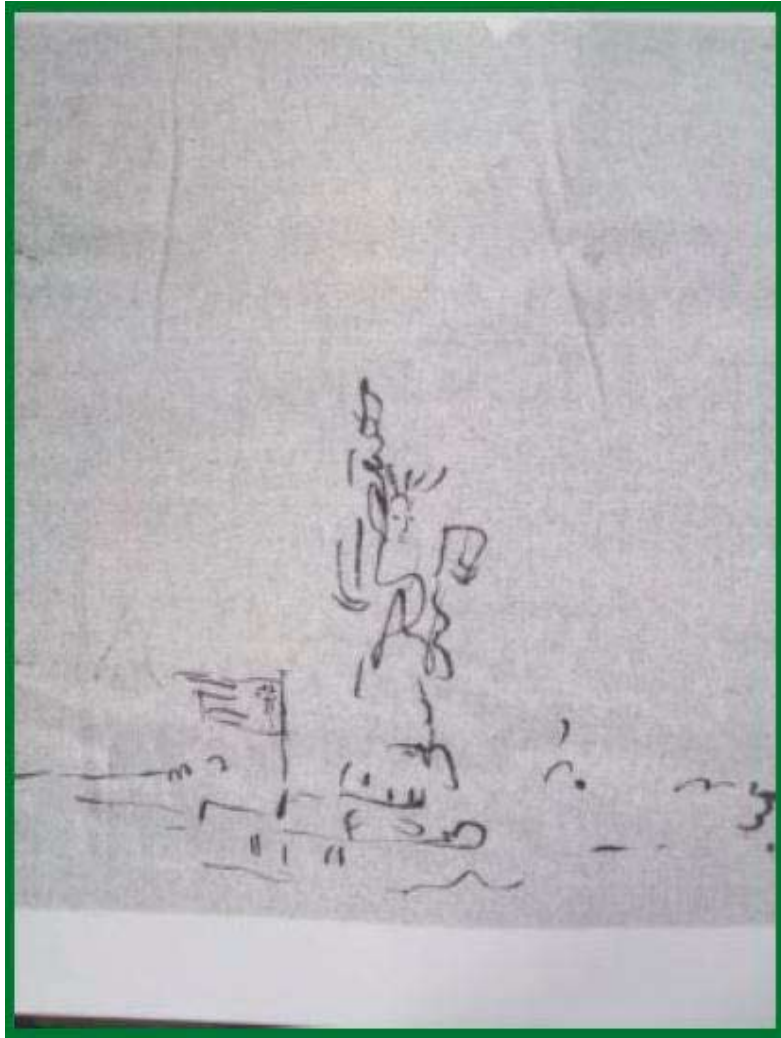
Empire State Building at night Summer, 2010.
~The King

Twin Towers view 1990 approaching from the Staten Island side on the Staten Island Ferry.



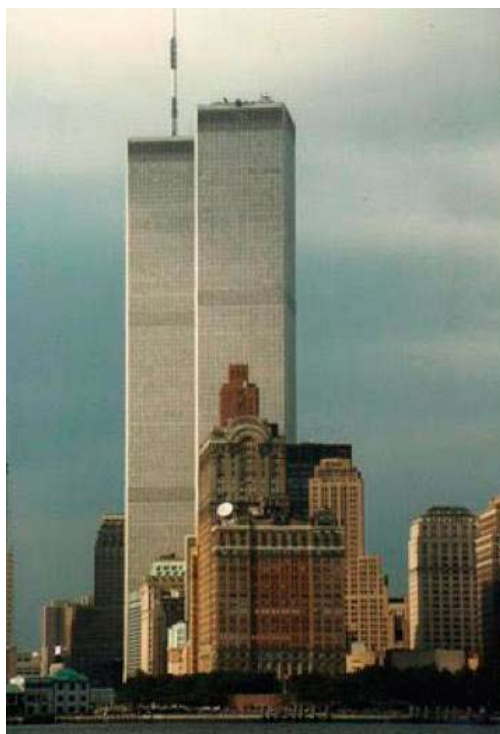
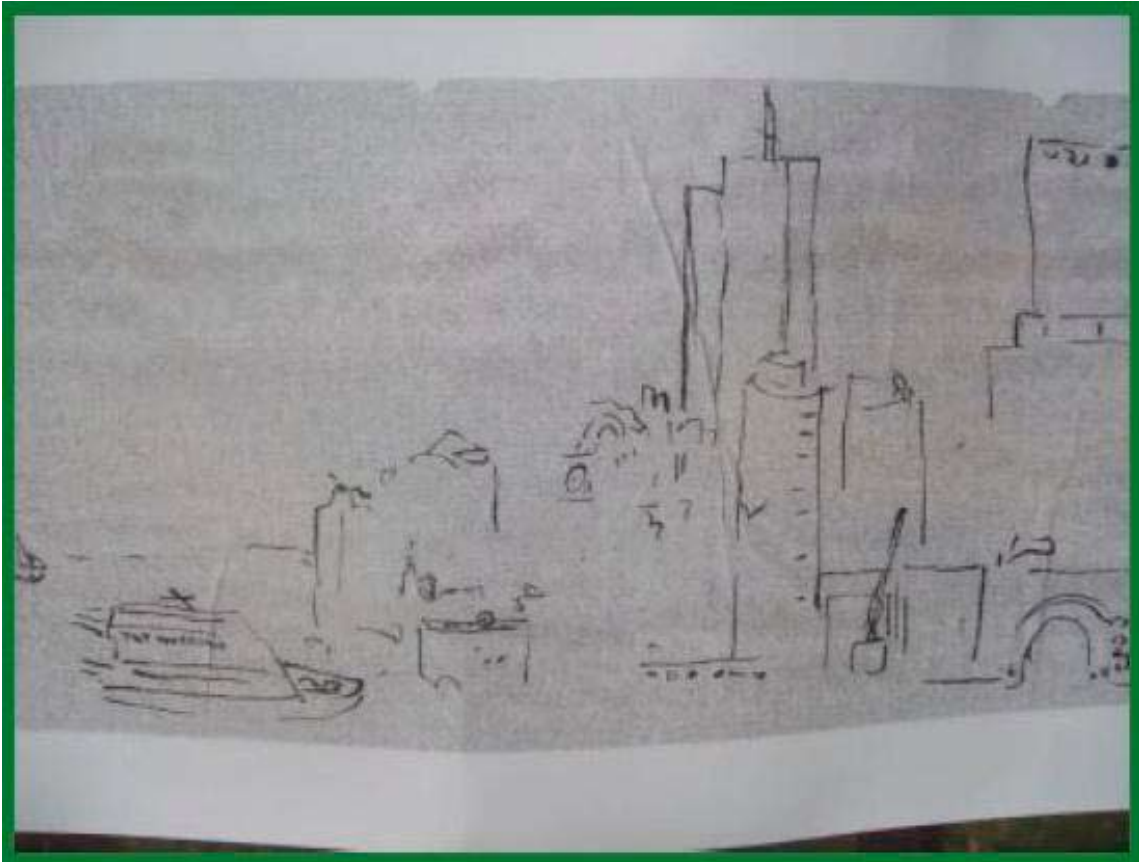
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The Statue of Liberty 1990



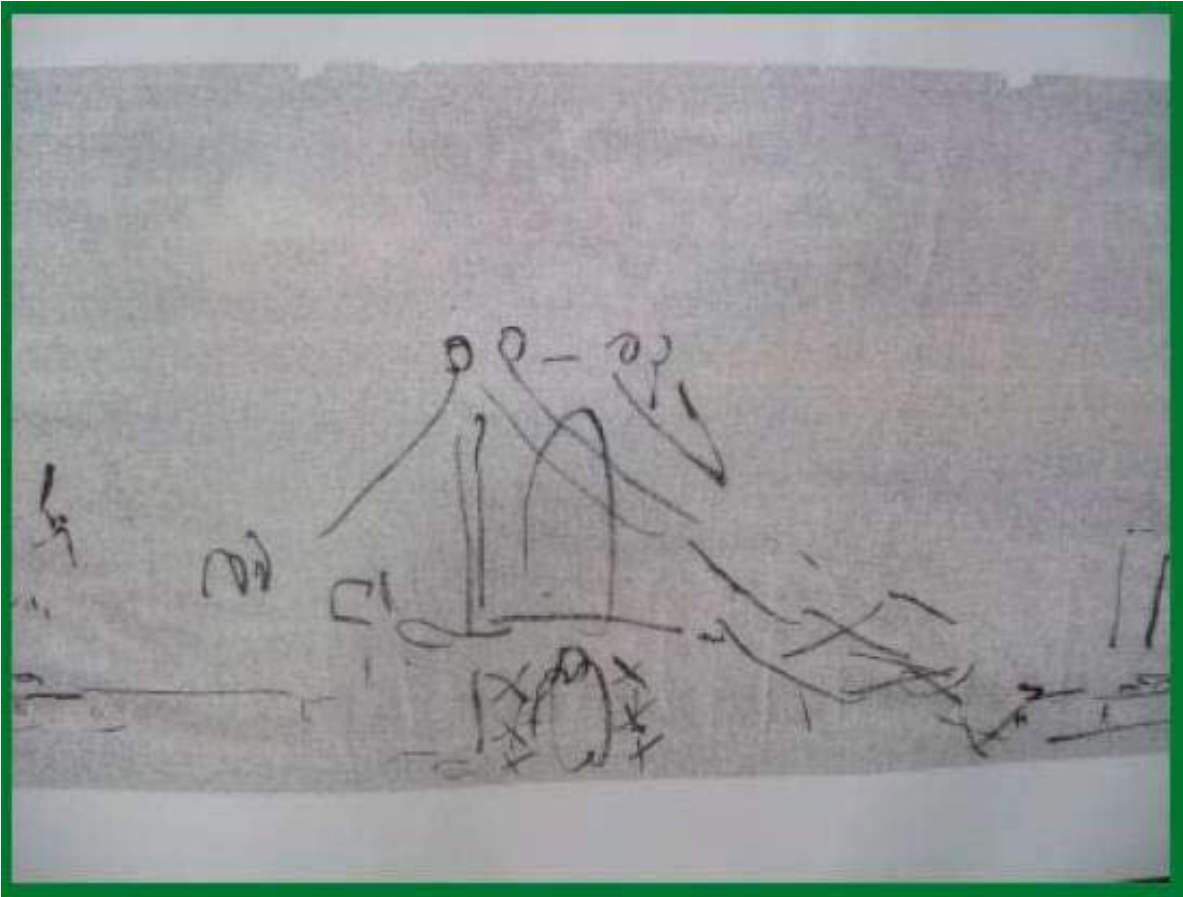
Statue of Liberty 2010, still standing strong.

Side view The Twin Towers. 1990



Side view The Twin towers from 1987
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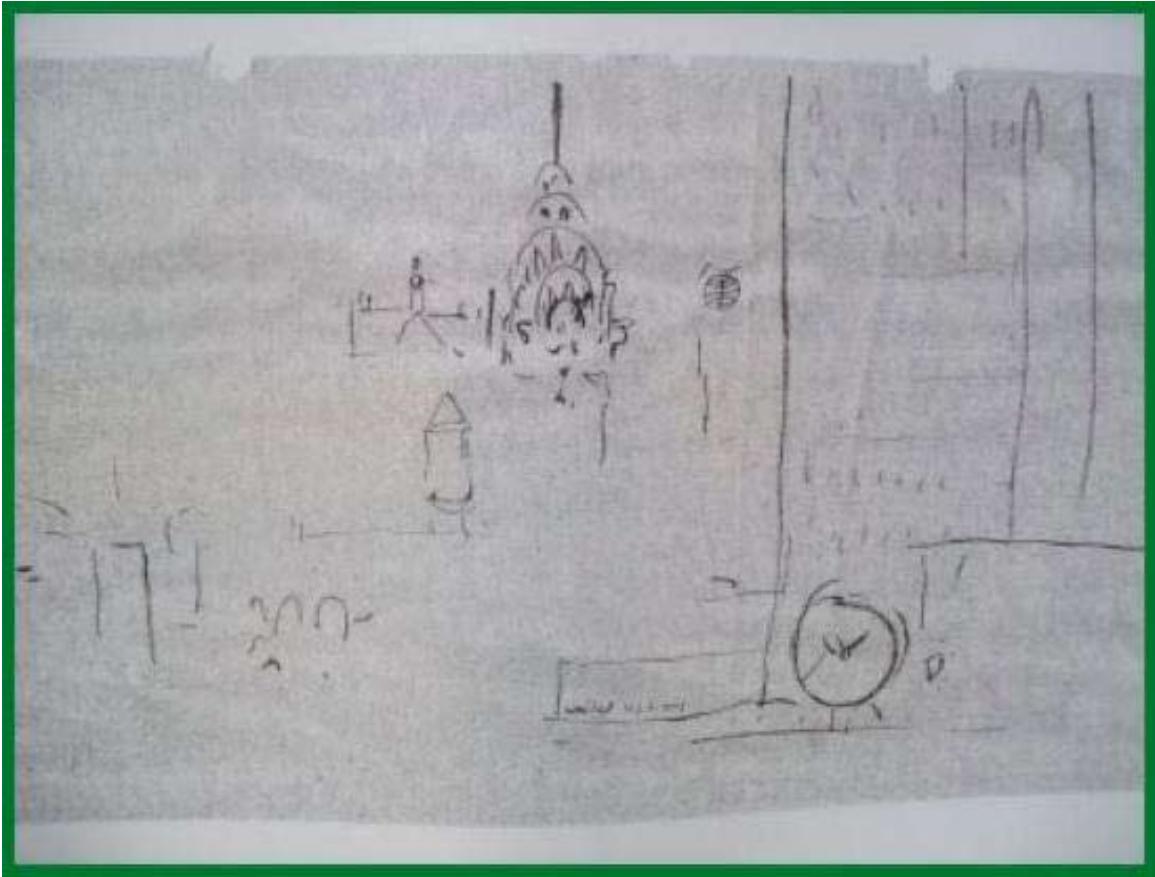
Manhattan Bridge Drawing 1990



Manhattan Bridge and Brooklyn Bridge 1987 view from east side of the 81st floor of The WTC.
~Frank Zachary Cassano

Wow...great shot Frank.

Chrysler Building drawing 1990The King's favorite building in this city.



Chrysler Building summer night 2010...STILL The King's favorite building in this city.

Corina Teunissen van Manen ready to draw any scene of the city on her roll of paper on request !! No you can't dry your hands with this roll !!!



Smiling and taking requests, she was a delight, and was very knowledgeable of all the famous and not so famous buildings that she drew in 1990...she was also very emotional about the fact that The Twin Towers are gone...it was a part of her like all her art she told me.

The King bows to her talent, and her return to the city she drew from all angles in 1990, thanks Corina...and keep smiling.

