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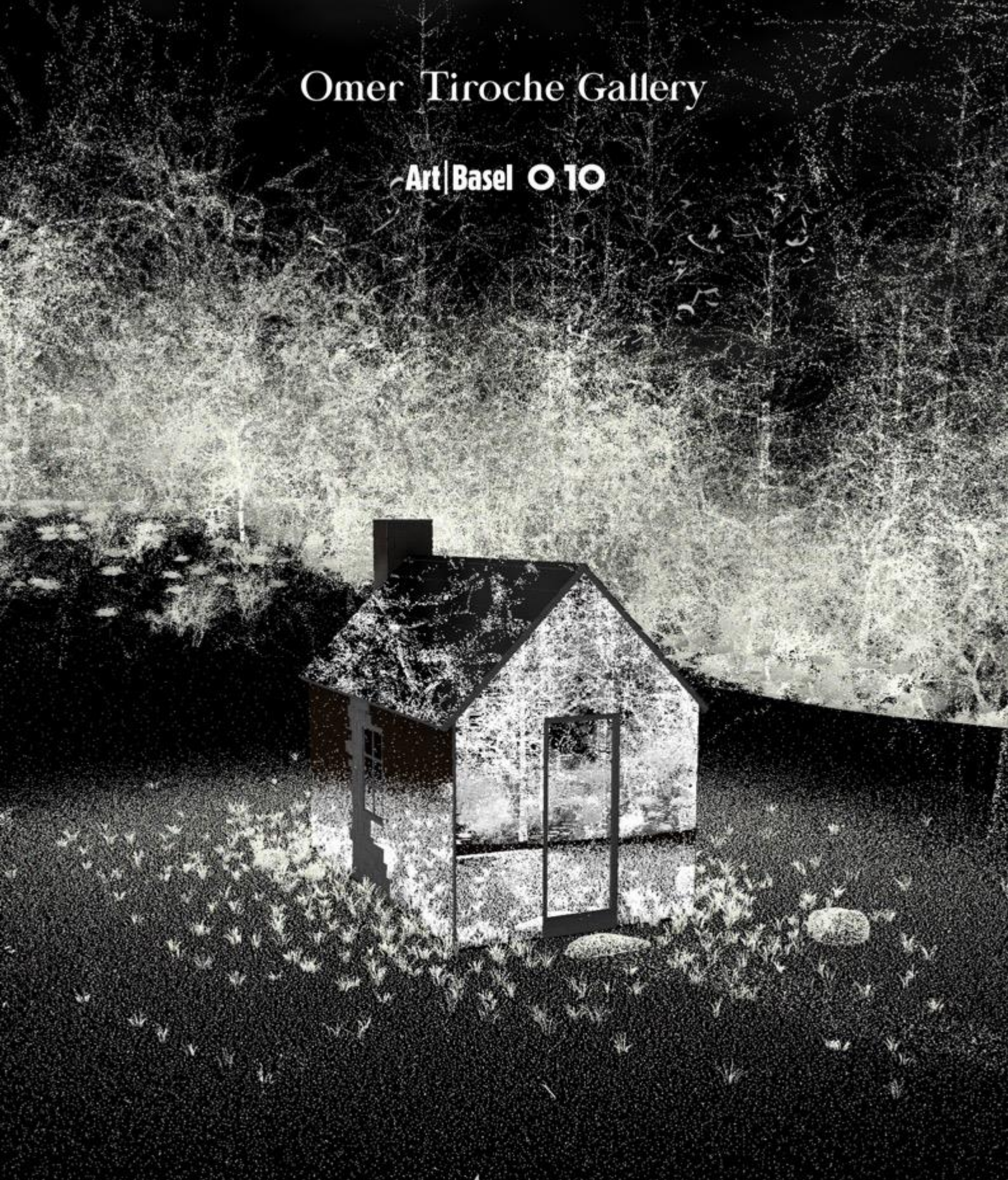


RETREAT

Robert Alice

Miami Beach | December 4–6, 2026

ABOUT *RETREAT*

Omer Tiroche Gallery is pleased to present *RETREAT* (2026), a new large-scale installation by London-based artist Robert Alice (British, b. 1992) for Zero 10 at Art Basel Miami Beach.

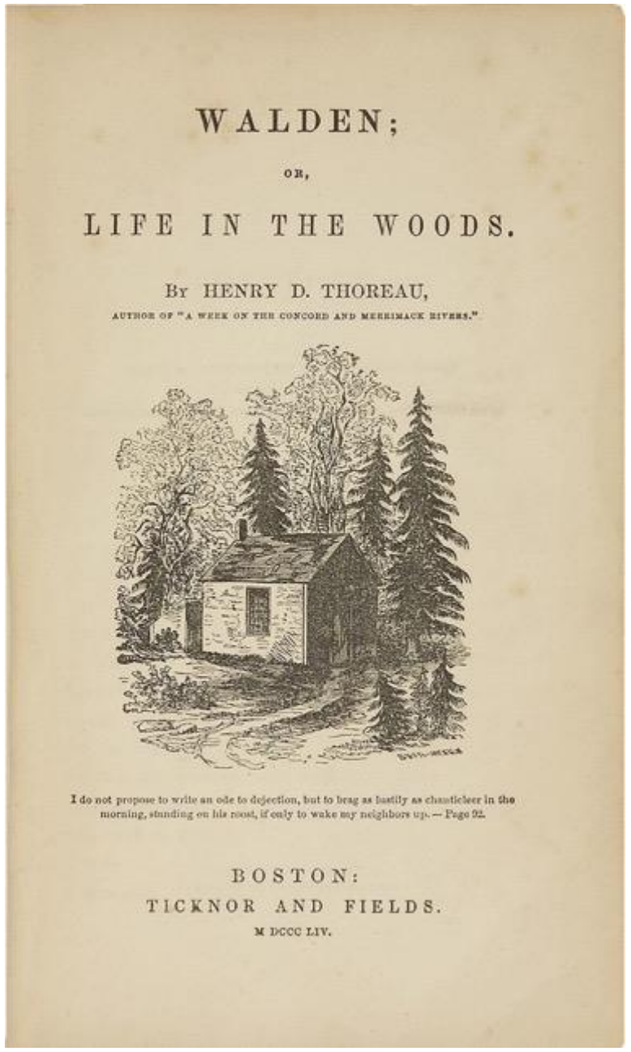
170 years before AI, philosopher Henry David Thoreau built himself a cabin beside Walden Pond outside Boston in 1845. Railing against technology's encroachment on life and calling for a return to nature, Thoreau lived there for 2 years, 2 months and 2 days. The groundbreaking American memoir that followed, *Walden* (1854), became a founding text on the philosophy of self-reliance and humanity's relationship with nature – an early warning that "men have become the tools of their tools."

Made in response to AI doomerism, *RETREAT* is a life-size, historically accurate reimagining of the Walden cabin, designed entirely with AI and clad in mirror-polished stainless steel. Its structure is prompted by the only known surviving drawing of the cabin, a sketch by Thoreau's sister, Sophia. The result recasts the cabin as an architecture now colonised by the very technology it stood against – AI. The installation adopts the aesthetic of a retreat yet denies the viewer entry. This refusal mirrors today's society, where AI, not humanity, increasingly holds sway over our internal latent space.

In addition to the cabin installation, Alice has created a series of two-dimensional works based on the shingles of the cabin's exterior, representing pixel units at the foundation of a generative script. These algorithmic pieces are wall-based and vary in scale and composition.

By reconstructing one of America's most potent anti-technological symbols through artificial intelligence, *RETREAT* raises broader questions about AI's place within the long history of the American frontier. Situated within the technological ecosystem of Zero 10 at Art Basel Miami Beach, the installation positions the fair not merely as a venue but as an active participant in the questions it raises.

Robert Alice has spent the last decade exploring the cultural histories of emerging technologies through exhibitions, publications and large-scale installations. Working across blockchain, AI and digital archives, his practice bridges contemporary technology with art history. Alice's work is held in major international collections including the Centre Pompidou, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Monnaie de Paris. His survey, *On NFTs* (TASCHEN, 2024), was the first major art-historical study of blockchain art, placing the medium within a broader history of digital culture.



Henry D. Thoreau
Walden; or, Life in the Woods, 1854
Title page of the first edition, with the only known surviving drawing of the cabin by Thoreau's sister

RETREAT, 2026

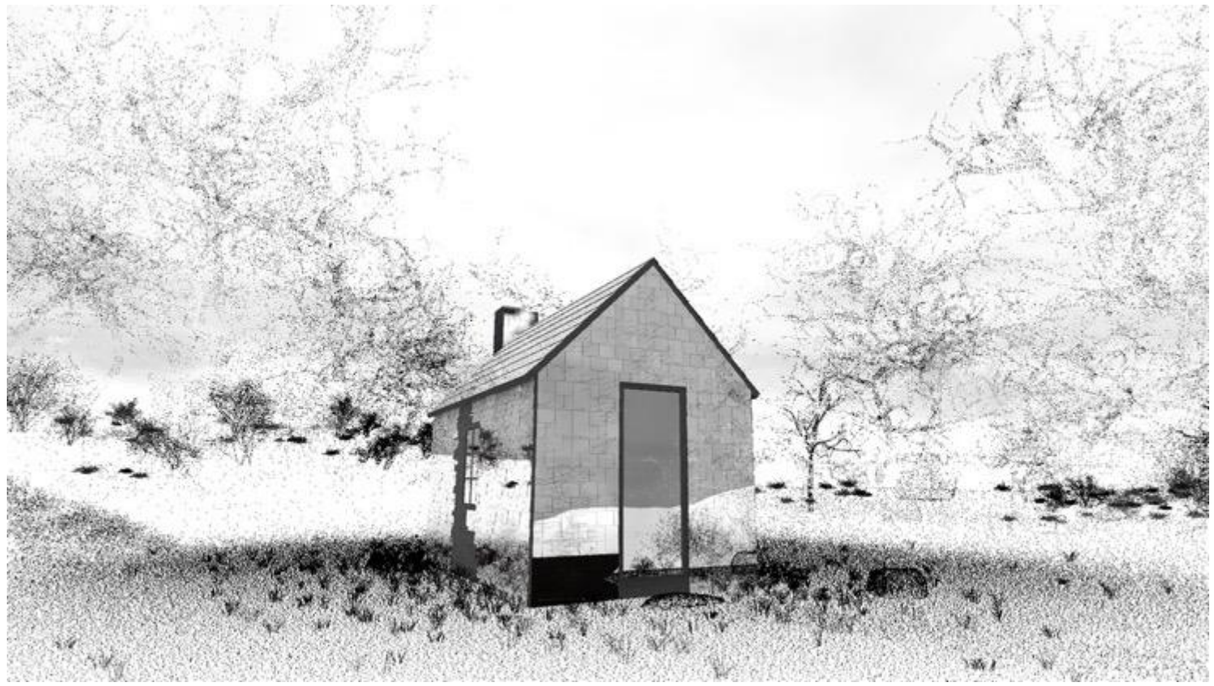
Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel

167 1/8 by 122 1/4 by 205 3/4 in. (424.5 by 310.7 by 522.8 cm.)

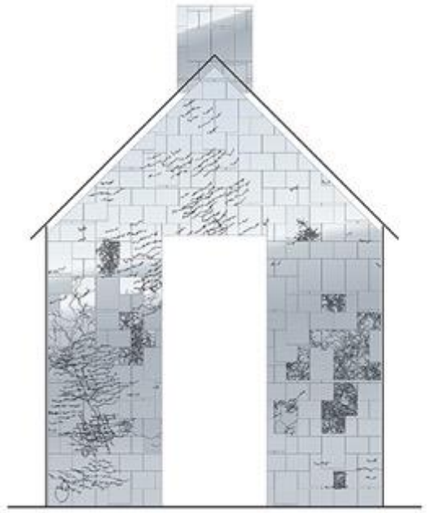
$150,000

(+ relevant installation costs)

ONLINE SIMULATION







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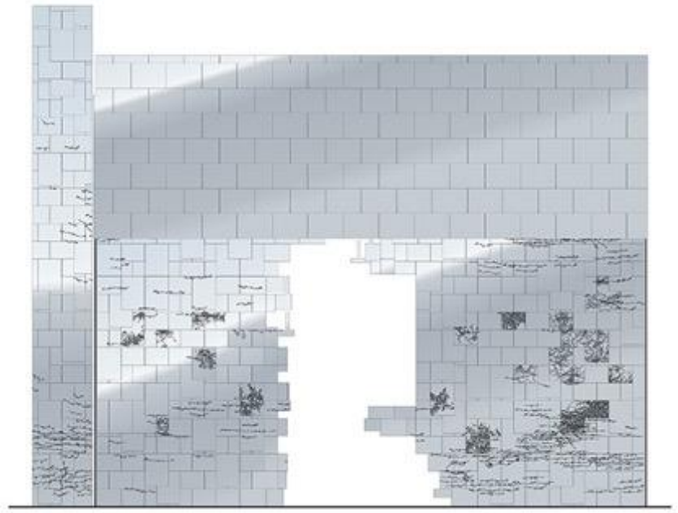

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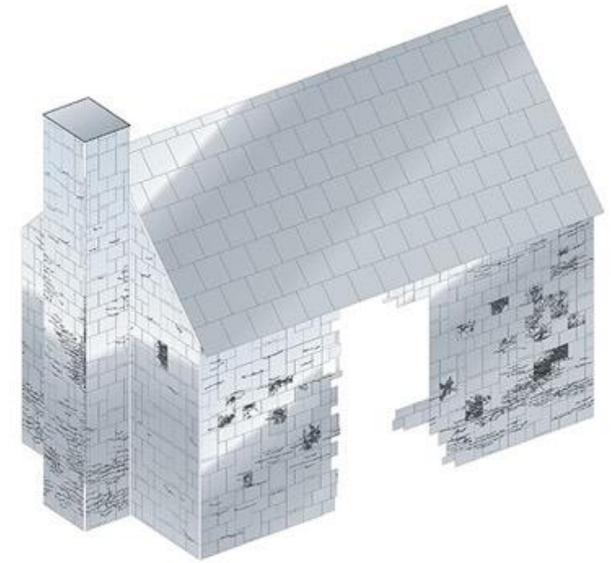

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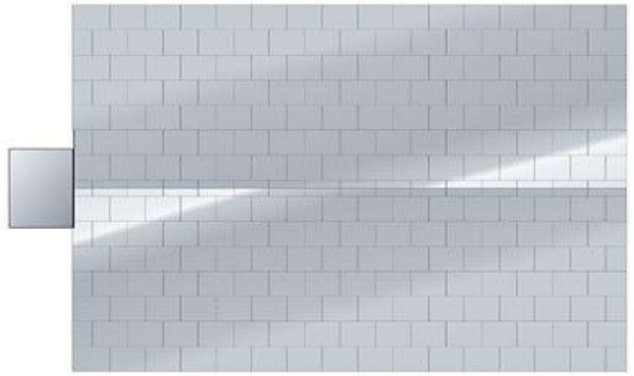

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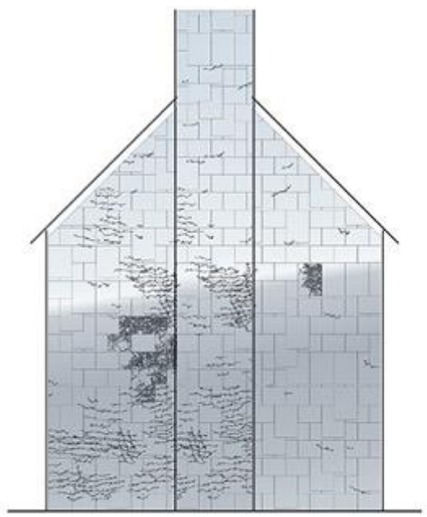

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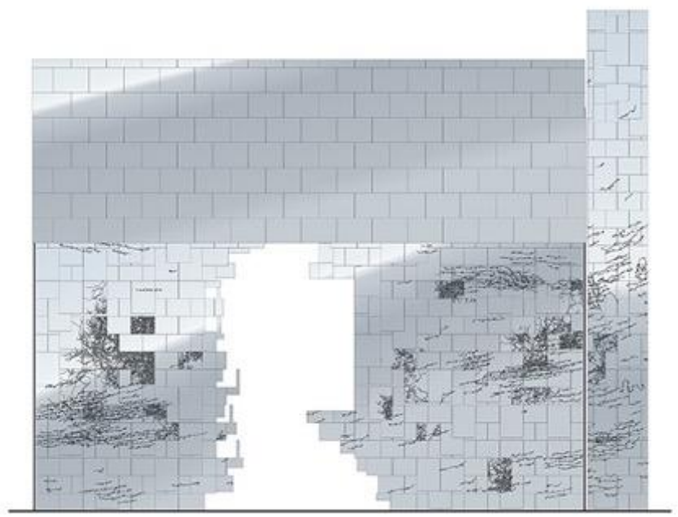

04 RIGHT ELEVATION
SCALE 1:25

STUDIO ROBERT ALICE **RETREAT** (2026)	ARTIST ROBERT ALICE	GALLERY OMER TIROCHE GALLERY	LOCATION ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH

NOTES
All dimensions in millimeters. Do not scale, use figured dimensions only.
To be lithographic projections of the single elements, model RETREAT, inside shell.
Visible part of every single element with the engraving, built-in/not-in box.
All types: 3.0 mm steel, each of pieces with its cover, Lead's Fish gravity 10.
Details: A-100 Sh, A-100 A-101 exceptions with details, A-103 test plan, A-103 architects.
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1, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
11 7/8 by 5 7/8 in. (30.1 by 15 cm.)

$5,000



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2, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
15 3/4 by 11 3/4 in. (40 by 30 cm.)

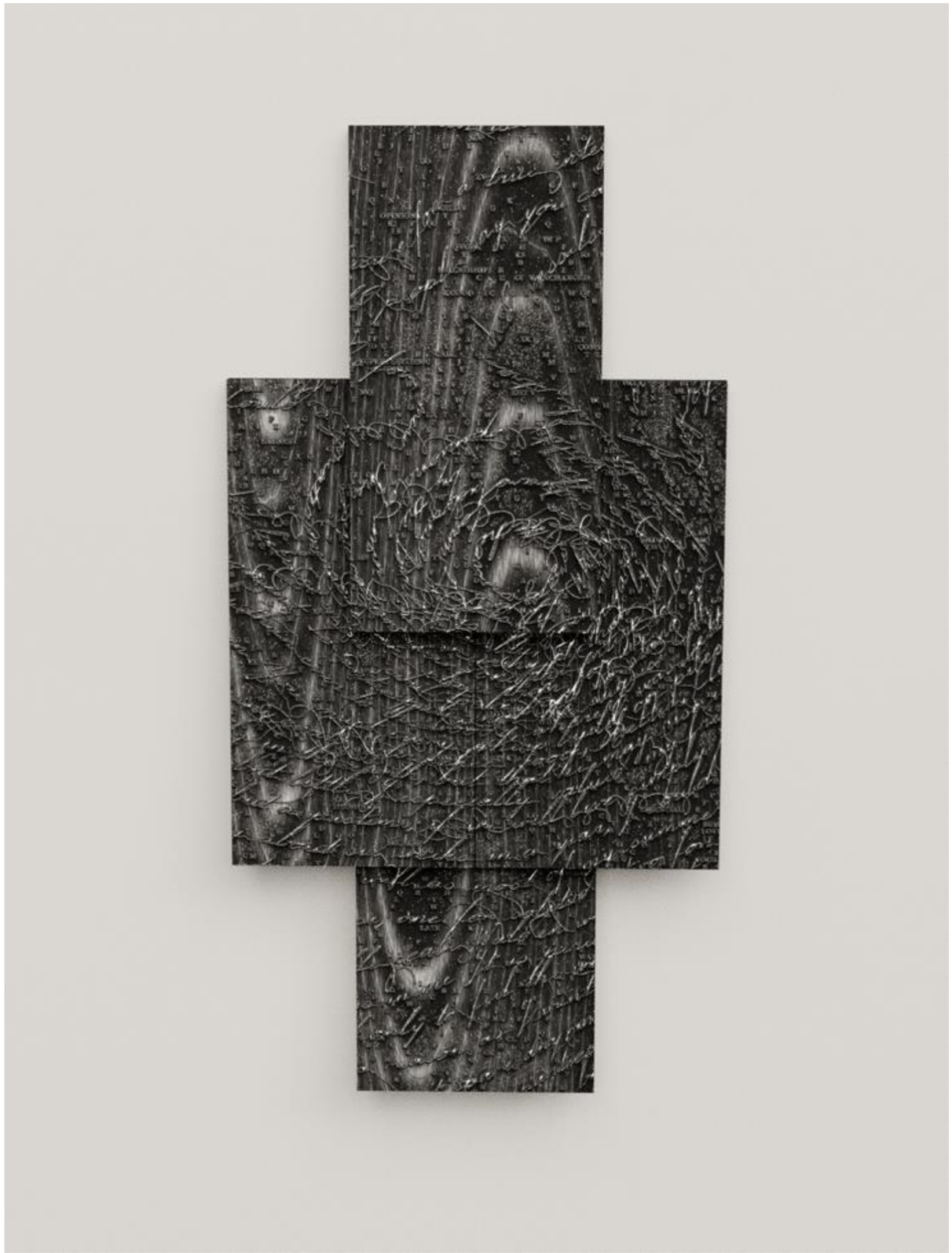
$10,000



3, 2026

Finished cedar wood
15 3/4 by 7 7/8 in. (40 by 20 cm.)

$7,500



4, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
11 3/4 by 9 7/8 in. (30 by 25 cm.)

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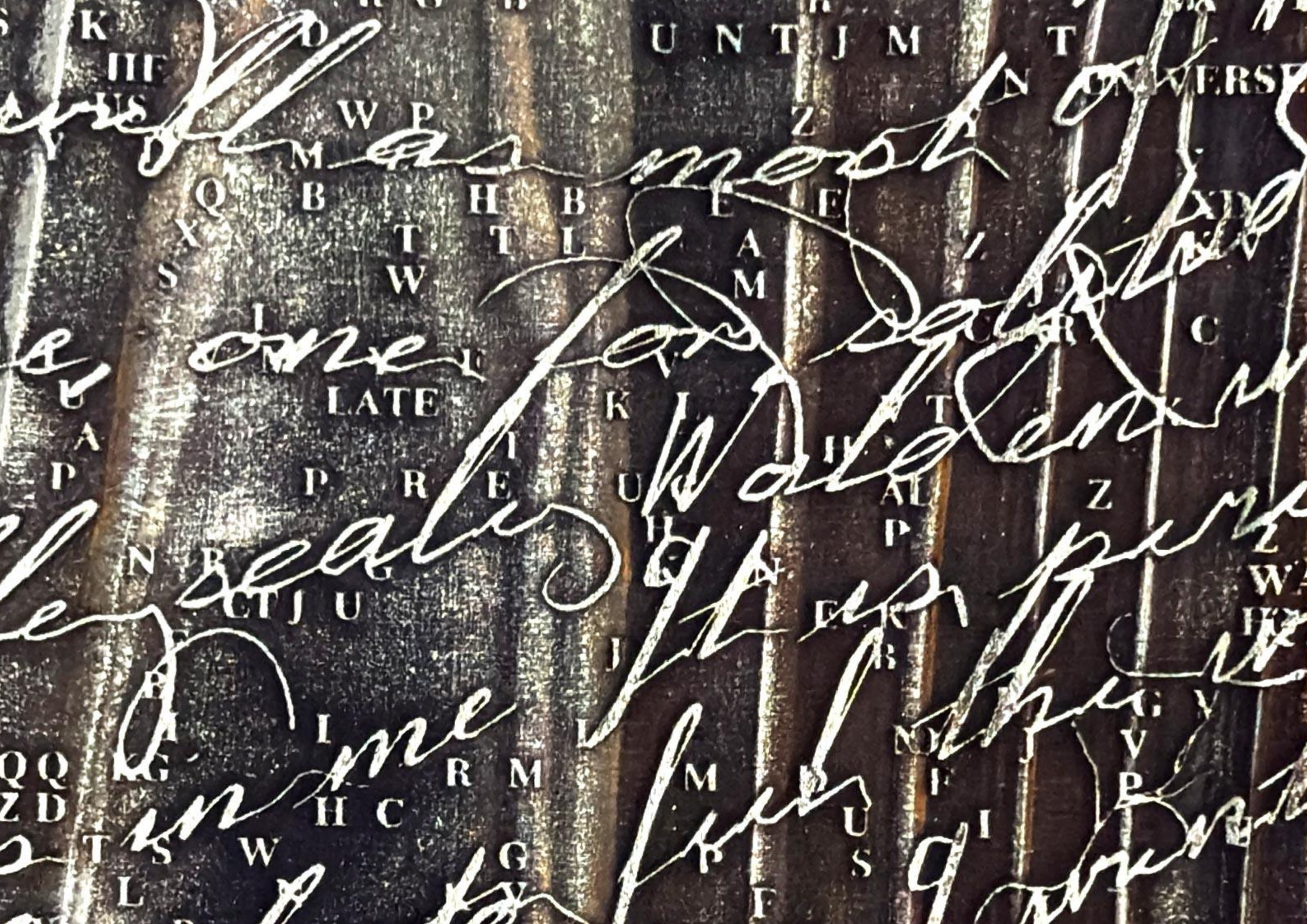
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5, 2026

Finished cedar wood
26 5/8 by 11 3/4 in. (67.6 by 30 cm.)

$12,500



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Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
19 3/4 by 11 3/4 in. (50.2 by 30 cm.)

$11,000



6, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
19 5/8 by 9 7/8 in. (50 by 25 cm.)

$11,000



7, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
27 1/2 by 13 3/4 in. (70 by 35 cm.)

$13,500

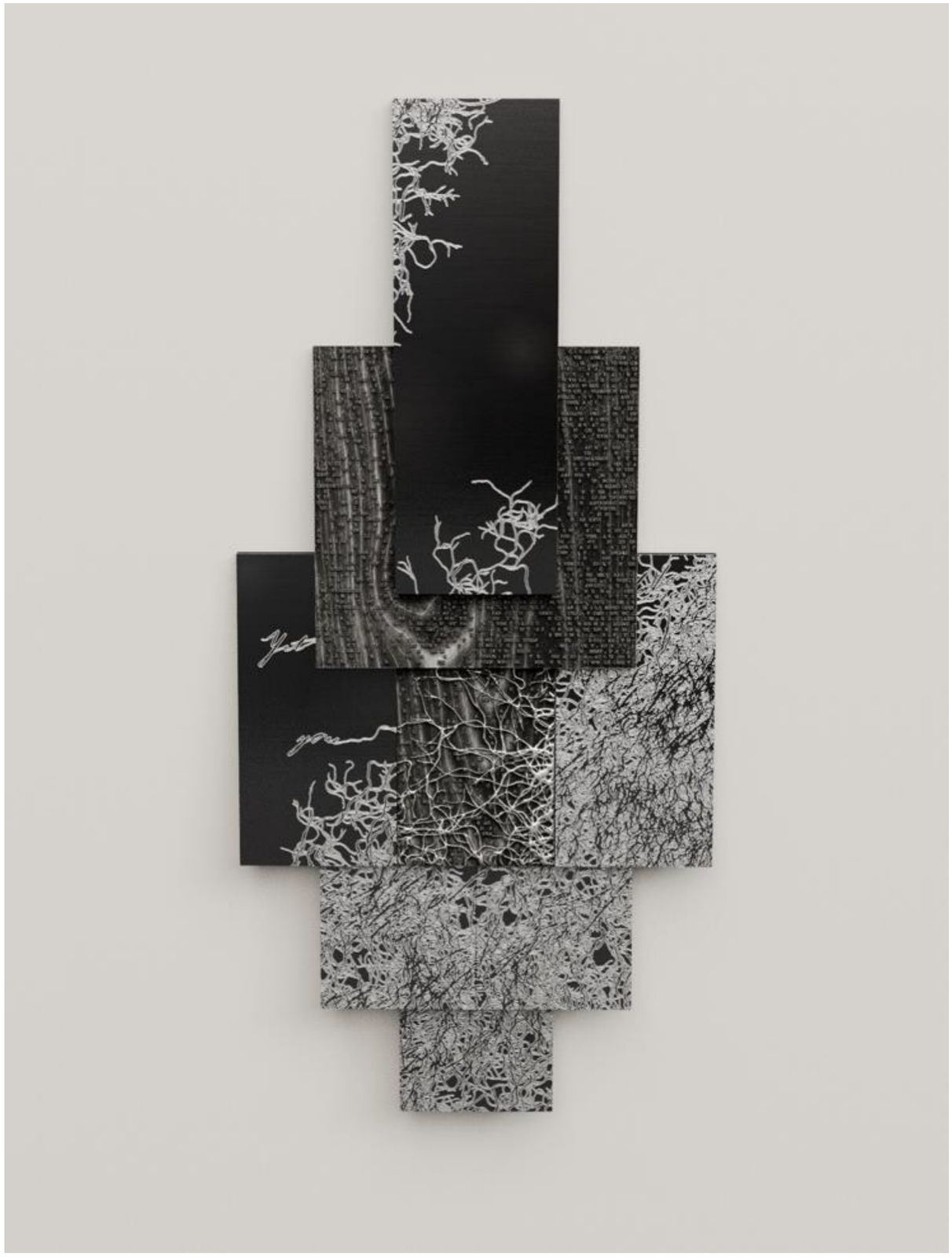




8, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
25 5/8 by 11 3/4 in. (65.1 by 30 cm.)

$12,500



9, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
10 5/8 by 25 5/8 in. (27 by 65 cm.)

$12,500



10, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
57 1/8 by 23 5/8 in. (145 by 60 cm.)

$40,000



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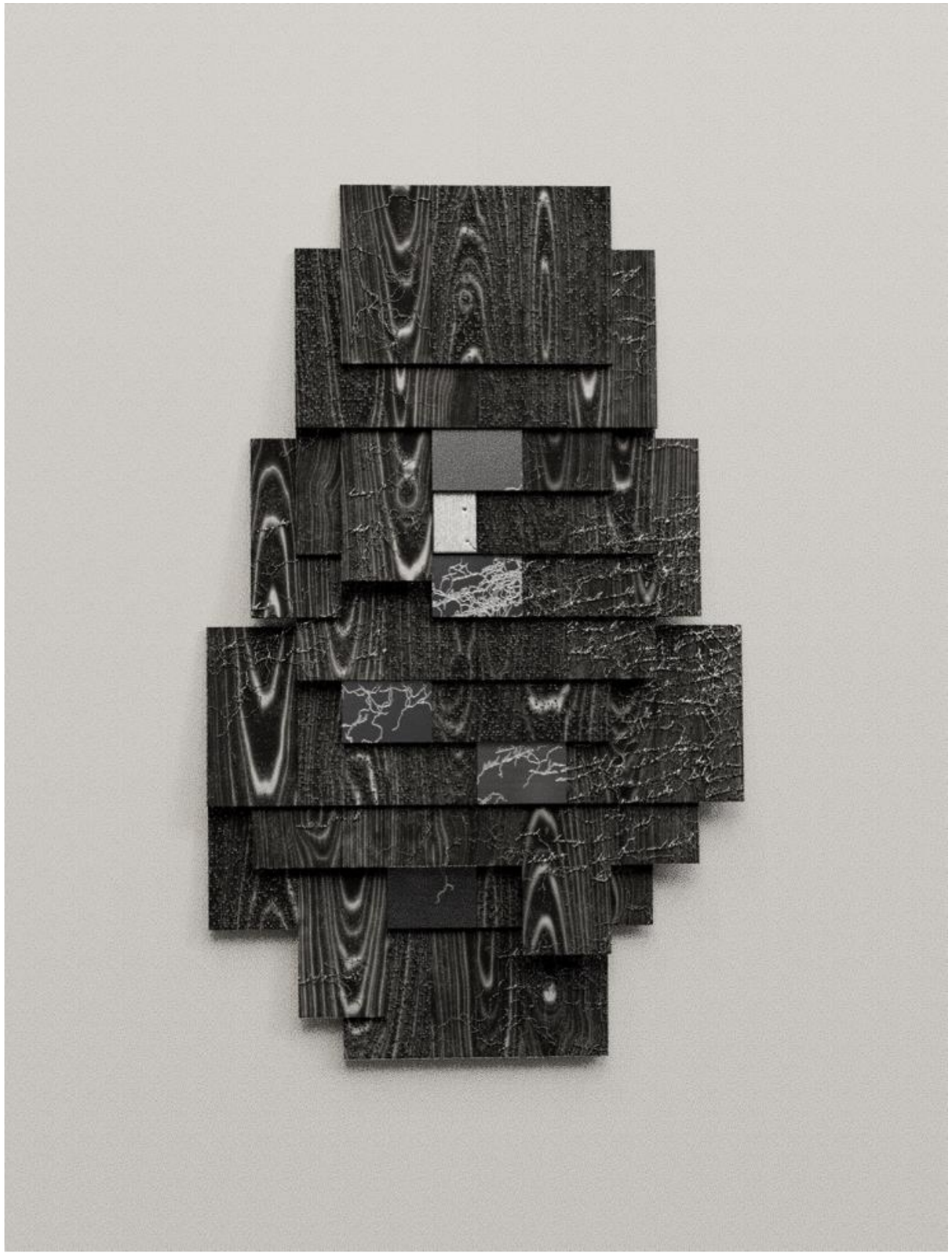
11, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
38 5/8 by 23 5/8 in. (98 by 60 cm.)

$30,000

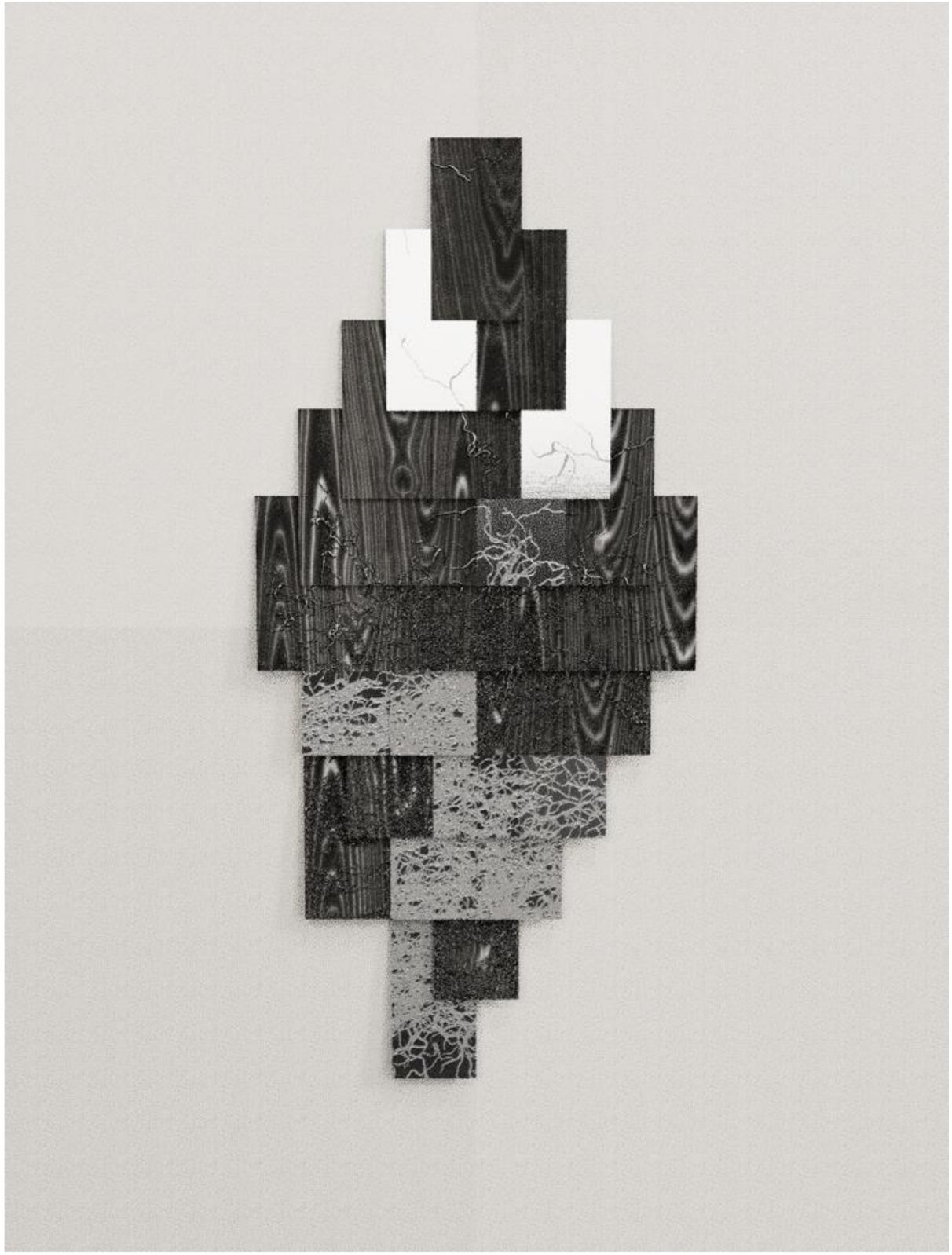




12, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
43 1/4 by 19 3/4 in. (110 by 50 cm.)

$35,000



13, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
15 3/4 by 37 3/8 in. (40 by 95 cm.)

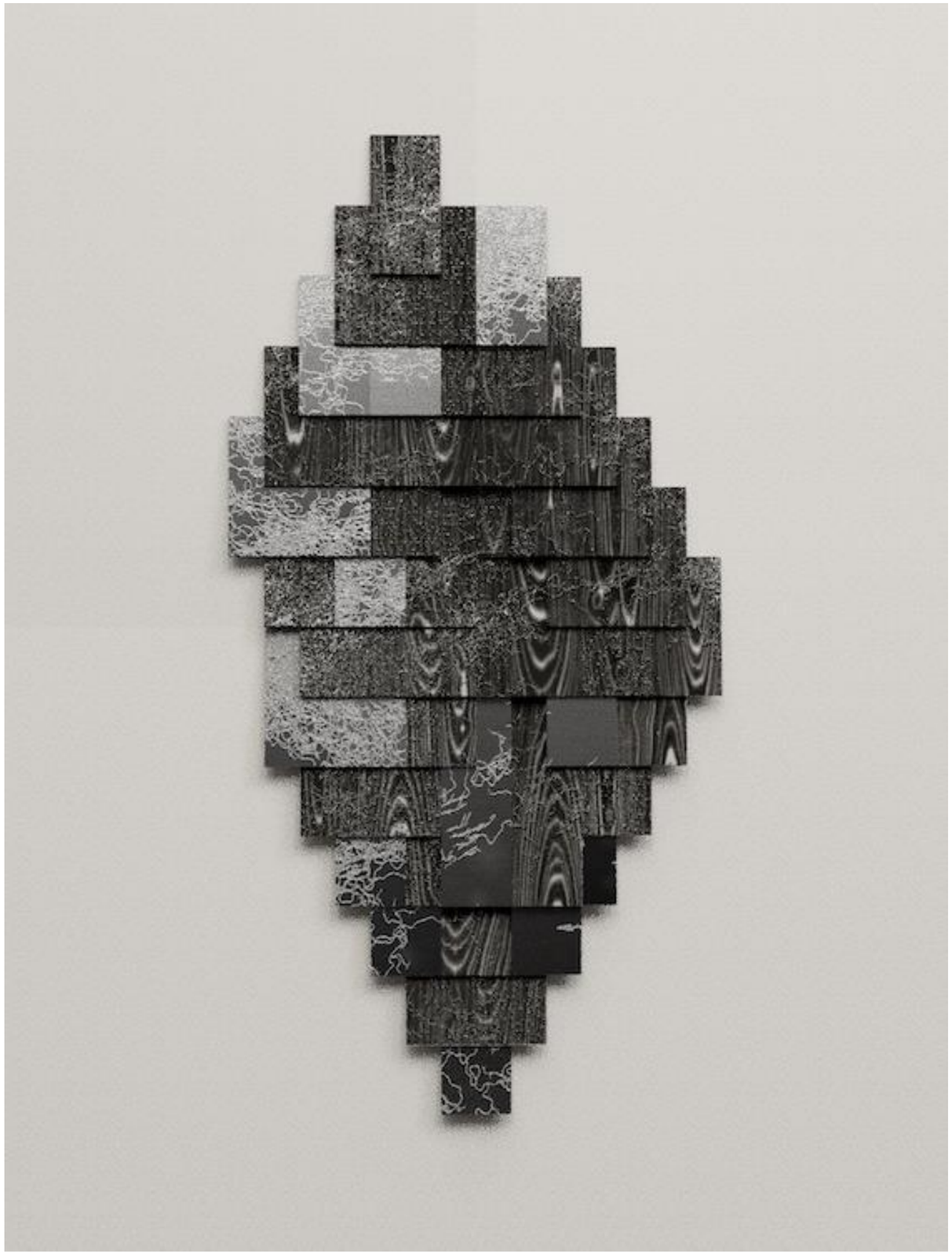
$30,000



14, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
55 1/8 by 27 1/2 in. (140 by 70 cm.)

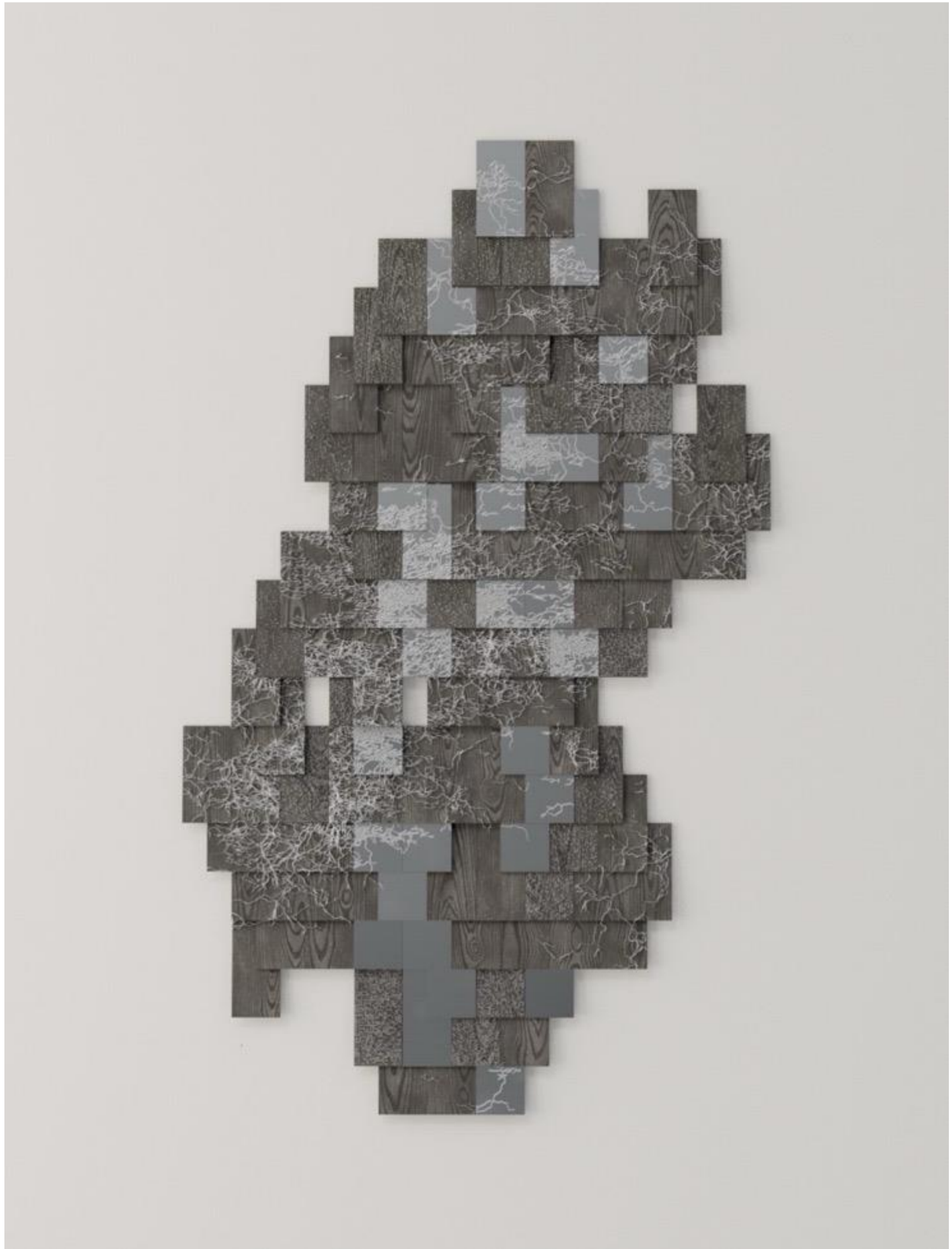
$40,000



15, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
78 3/4 by 47 1/4 in. (200 by 120 cm.)

$60,000



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16, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
31 1/2 by 84 5/8 in. (80 by 215 cm.)

Price upon request



17, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
45 1/4 by 51 1/8 in. (115 by 130 cm.)

Price upon request



18, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
51 1/8 by 45 1/4 in. (130 by 115 cm.)

Price upon request



19, 2026

Finished cedar wood and mirror-polished steel
98 3/8 by 51 1/8 in. (250 by 130 cm.)

Price upon request





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