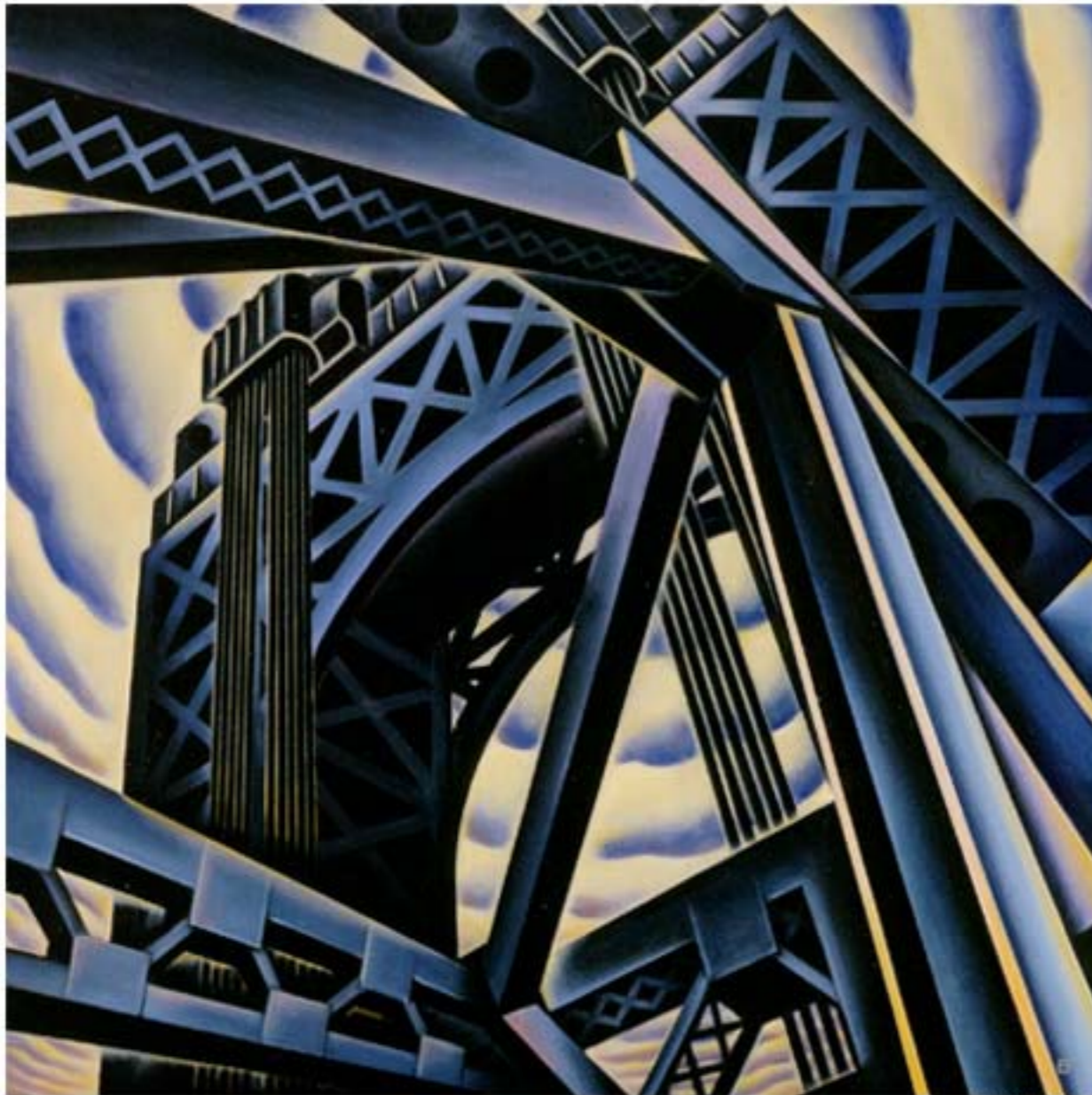


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## To the City's Bridges, Billets-Doux



"TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE I"

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**H**ER love affair with bridges began in Philadelphia, where the artist who calls herself Bascove grew up. Driving over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, she recalls, gave her "a profound sensation of suspension, moving from one world to another, and being in neither." She began painting them in Paris, and when she moved to New York, she lived on East 62nd Street "where the Queensboro presides over the neighborhood." That became her first New York bridge; Bascove, who now lives in the East 50's, went on to paint dozens.

Fourteen of them can be seen in "Dreamwork: New York City Bridges" through Oct. 3 at the Uptown Gallery, at 1194 Madison Avenue, near 87th Street.

Which bridge is her favorite? Usually, she said, "the painting I am currently working on." At the moment, that is the Brooklyn Bridge, her fifth version.

"New York City has some of the world's most extraordinary bridges," she added. "We are blessed."



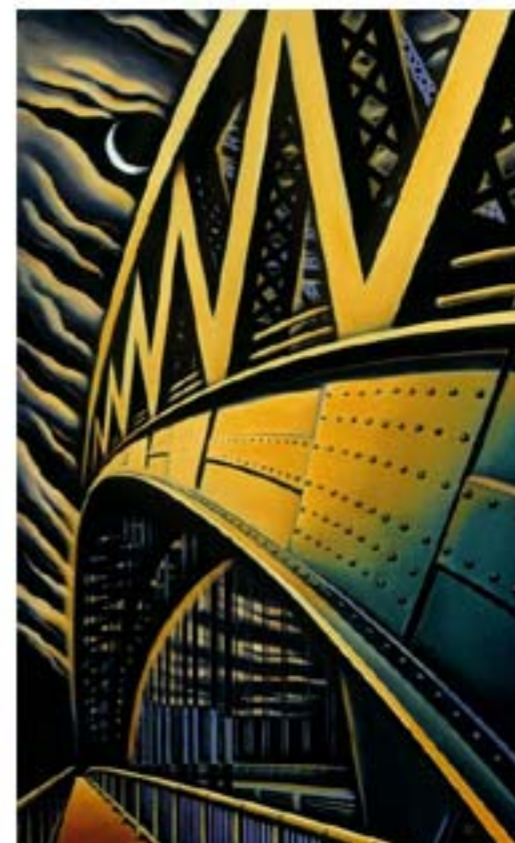
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