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Benjamin Fleury, Gulu's House
Silver gelatin print
10x12 inch

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Self-Portrait, Taichung
Silver gelatin print
12x12 inch

Foreword

The *French Collection* is a series of pictures I took in 2016/17 in Brittany, the French Riviera and Paris. It was at *Gulu's House* where the idea of travelling to France emerged. Inspired by its former chef, Grégory le Cloarec, Brittany became the first destination. The French Riviera was added soon to the travel itinerary to visit Rémi Legris, another member of Taichung's French community and former owner of *Terroir Wine*.

On my way back to Austria, I made a brief stopover in Paris to capture further moments of inner peace with my fifty-year old film camera. I enjoyed walking down the *Avenue des Champs-Élysées* in the cold winter evening while passing by the historic *Le Fouquet's* on my way to the Eiffel Tower. Stayed at the top of the tower until close to midnight, reflecting on its history and magnificence.

With this exhibition, the *French Collection* finishes where it started four years ago.

Taichung, 25 December 2020

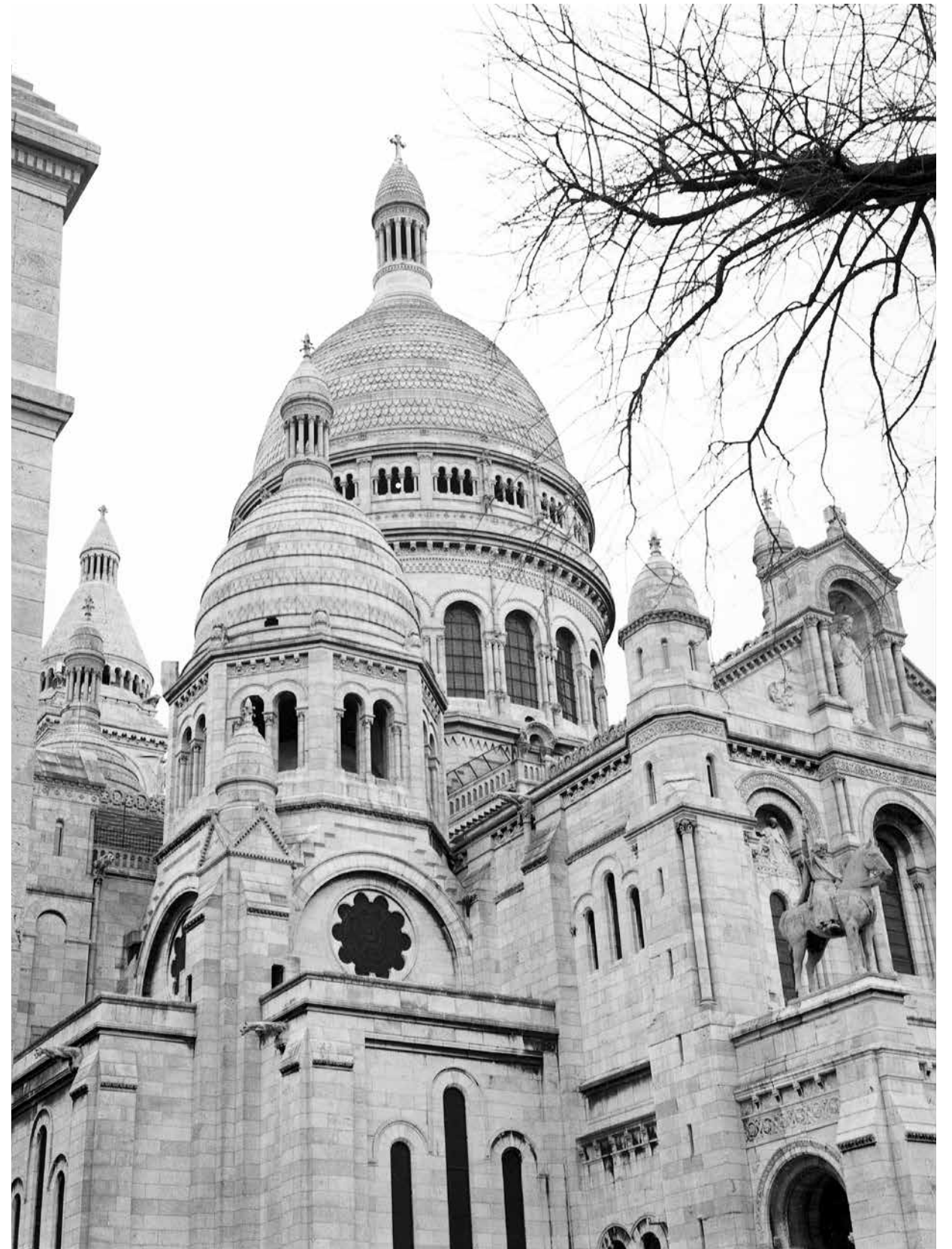
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La Tour Eiffel I, Paris
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Basilique du Sacré-Cœur, Paris
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10x12 inch



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Le Fouquet's, Paris
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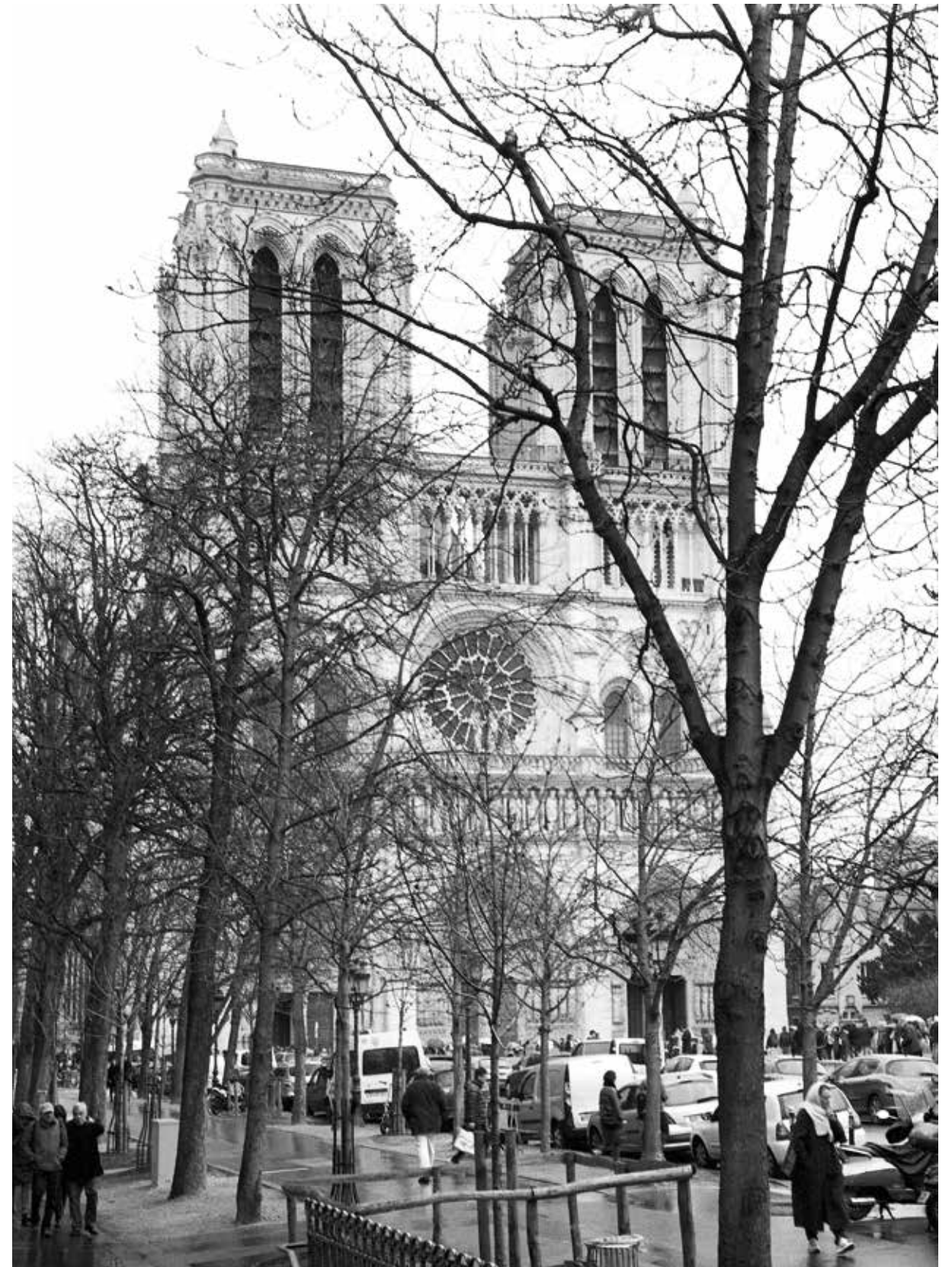
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Arc de Triomphe, Paris
Silver gelatin print
10x12 inch



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Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris
Silver gelatin print
10x12 inch



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Academie Nationale de Musique, Paris
Silver gelatin print
10x12 inch



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Montmartre I, Paris
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



8

Moulin Rouge I, Paris
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



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Hotel Moliere, Toulon
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



10

Building I, Nice
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



11

Cap Coz, Fouesnant
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



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Phare de l'Ile Vierge,
Brittany
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



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Building II, Nice
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



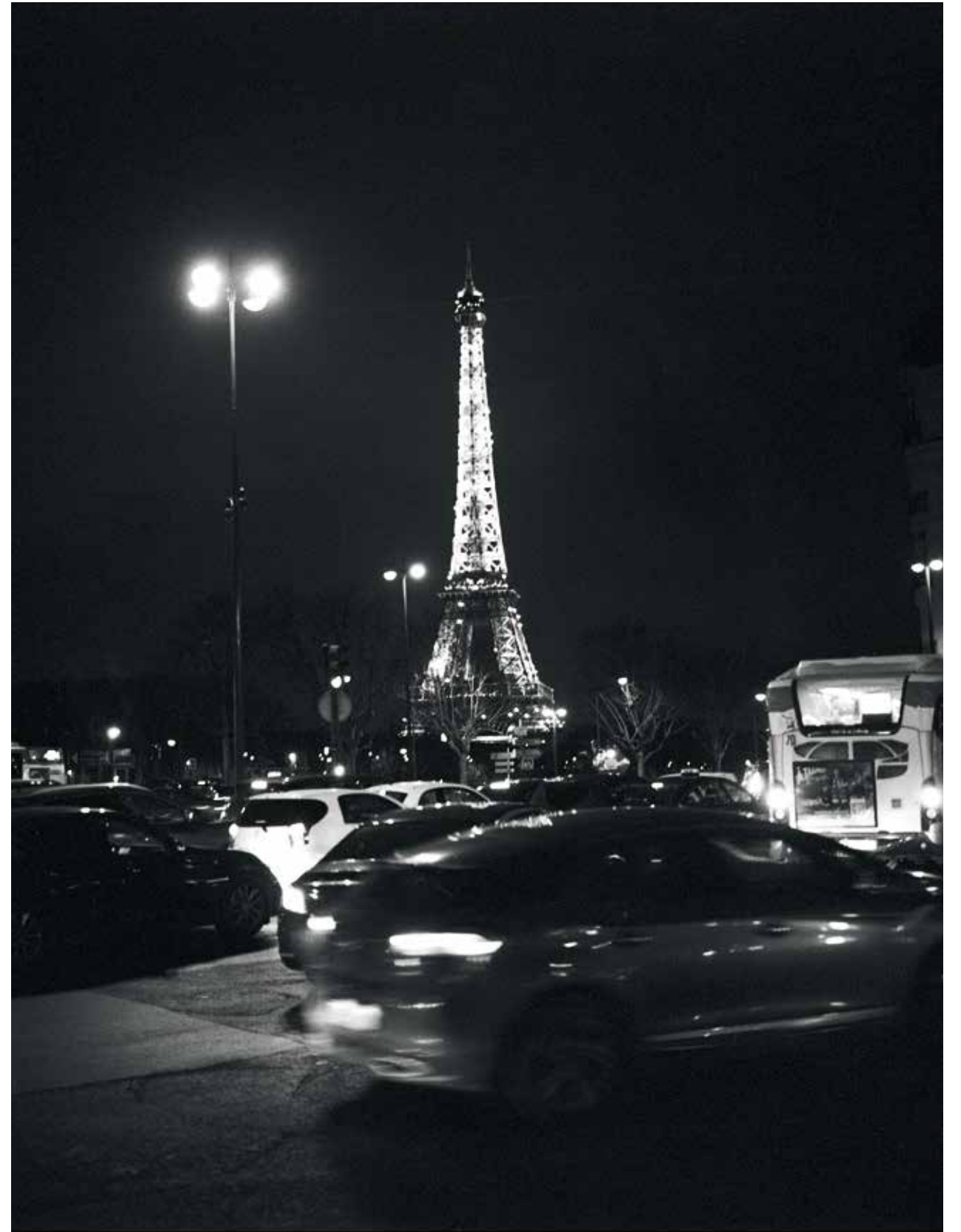
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Moulin Rouge II, Paris
Silver gelatin print
16x20 inch



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La Tour Eiffel II, Paris
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



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Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



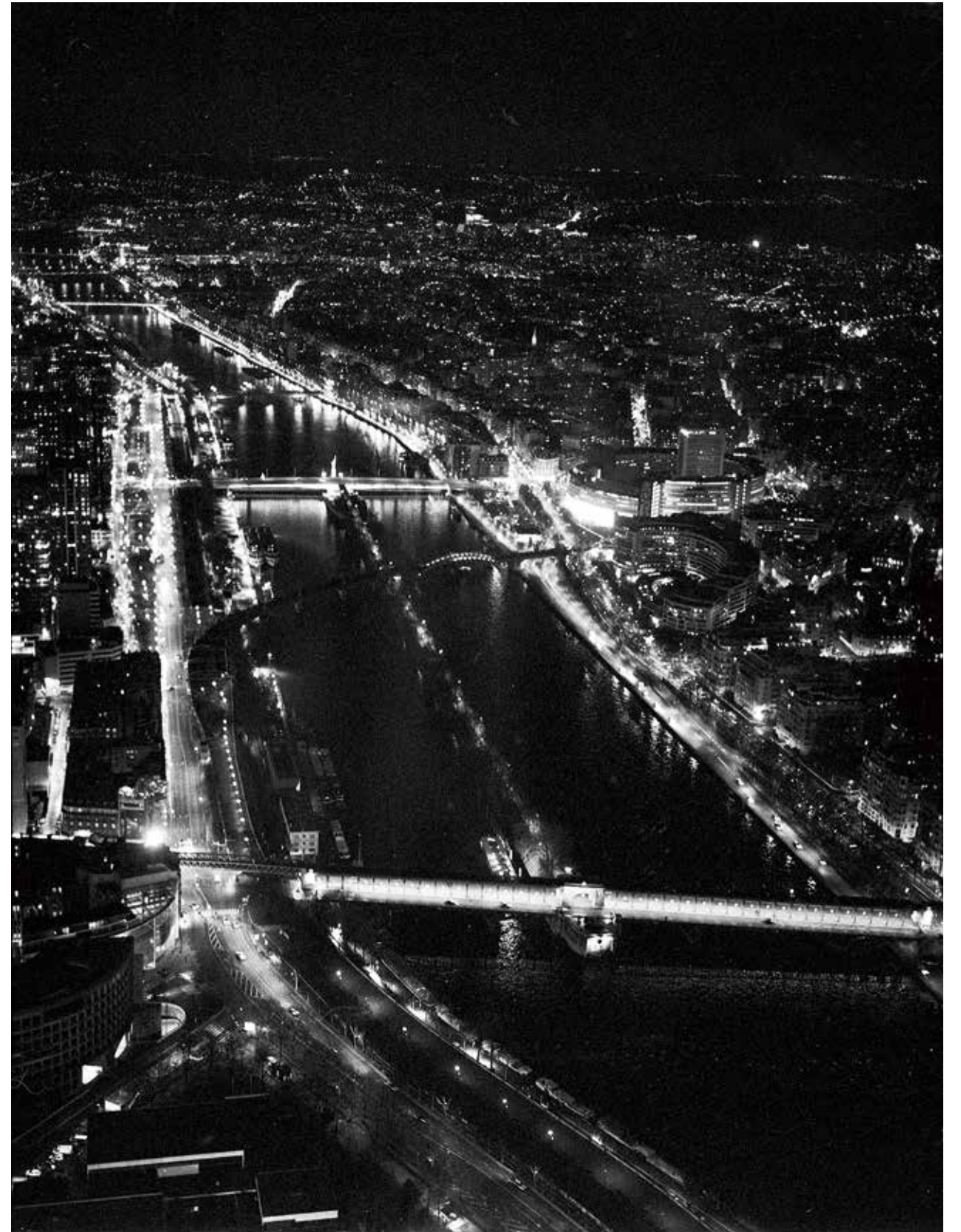
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Ferris Wheel, Nice
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



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Night View, Paris
Silver gelatin print
12x16 inch



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Montmartre II, Paris
Silver gelatin print
16x20 inch



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Gulu's House, Taichung
Silver gelatin print
12x18 inch



Christian Schafferer is an Austrian political sociologist and economist. Inspired by his father's professional work in the art world, he got interested in photography, philosophy and psychoanalysis in his early childhood. In his work, he endeavours to determine the social circumstances behind the captured moments and their implications for society. He lives and works in Taichung but prefers to travel abroad during summer and winter vacation.

All photographs in this book have been taken with film camera (Minolta SRT 101, Fuji GS645, Fuji GS645S, Olympus OM1) using Kodak TX400, Rollei Infrared, Ilford Delta 3200 or Ilford HP5 film.

None of the photographs in this book have been electronically manipulated.

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