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Thompson Landry Gallery Artist Nicolas Ruel Prints Urban Icons on Steel



Nicolas Ruel's Red Rocket is one of many photos capturing urban icons and the vitality of cities (including Toronto) at Thompson Landry Gallery

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 15 Familiar yet dreamlike, the photographs of Montreal-born artist Nicolas Ruel offer a fascinating look at the urban environments we sometimes take for granted. His intriguing juxtaposition of multiple prolonged exposures of iconic landmarks and city vistas is on full display in an eye-catching exhibition at Thompson Landry Gallery. Layers of metropolitan life grace Ruel's signature large-scale stainless steel plates, where buildings, skies and streetcars intermingle in somehow ghostly, somehow futuristic, but always harmonious ways. In cities it's easy to feel immersed in our surroundings. In his latest works, Ruel captures this feeling exceptionally well. —Anna Marszalek