

David Burdeny *A Prairie Town, 2021*

Architectural images from the small towns of the Canadian Prairies



Tomorrow's Harvest, Saskatchewan, 2020



Movieland, Saskatchewan, 2020

Vancouver-based photography artist, David Burdeny, has photographed an immense collection of architecture and landscape images across the globe, including Europe, Asia, Russia, Antarctica, Greenland, Brazil, Japan and Cuba. Ironically, he has never created a "Canadian" series. Due to travel restrictions of the current pandemic, Burdeny felt like a return to the Prairie roots of his upbringing. This landscape of big sky and wide, open spaces influenced Burdeny's continuous use of the horizon line to set his compositions. Coupled with his love of architecture (a former architect himself) and the minimalism created by the flat light and snow covered ground, Burdeny tells a visual tale of nostalgia using the poetic beauty of snow.

The Canadian Prairies have an architectural tradition of impermanence, committed pragmatism and humble resolve. These early settlements and buildings had a tenuous link to the earth, their very existence a flaunting of the distances and the endless plains. Infused with old country visions only partially resolved, our first builders grasped the most basic of spatial and architectural means - the survey grid, the windbreak, the exaggerated façade - to tame an immense plain.

Motivated by a sense of nostalgia, I traveled the lesser roads of the Canadian plains in search of some of the same scenes I once photographed as a child. I was seeking remnants of the past and present them here as a catalogue of artifacts, revealing an identity shaped by the connection to the soil, ethnicity and community.

Biography: David Burdeny has exhibited with Jennifer Kostuik Gallery since 2001. David Burdeny's Masters in Architecture and Interior Design background combined with his upbringing in the vast Canadian prairies provides the template for his keen technical ability, enduring patience and a minimalist aesthetic. Since 2001, this artist has produced 17 photographic series, winning several International Photographic Awards.

All images, dimensions and values for the exhibition are listed under **David Burdeny** at:
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