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Butch Murphy and Aaron Dougherty work with modernist realism, and Luke Ball investigates language in decaying architecture.

Kansas City, MO — This October, the Kansas City Artists Coalition (KCAC) presents *Prairie Ubiquitous*, A two person show with Butch Murphy and Aaron Dougherty in its Main Gallery, and in the Snap Space Gallery, Luke Ball presents a collection of prints and paper cuts that imagine the overlooked corners of the American landscape in his solo show *Reliquary*.

Main Gallery: *Prairie Ubiquitous* By Butch Murphy and Aaron Dougherty

Butch Murphy is a metal sculptor, creator, fabricator and installer, autodidact by training. His creations are made from repurposed and new carbon steel using only hand tools. From His Statement: "My evolution can best be categorized in three phases: Realism, using found metal junk, Layering, and finally Modernism. Each production is a study, never expecting perfection, as that would eliminate the search, and for me, the end.

Aaron Dougherty is a registered architect, and photographer based in Kansas City, MO. His body of work seeks to highlight the mundane. About photographing grain silos, Dougherty writes: "These grand and dignified structures are all over the place here in our Kansas City back yard— so to speak. And yet it was only recently that it occurred to me to photograph them... Though I've worked a lot of years to separate 'subject' from 'image captured', some 'meaning' has crept into these."

Snap Space Gallery: *Reliquary*, by Luke Ball

"Reliquary" is a collection of prints and paper cuts that imagine the overlooked corners of the American landscape—abandoned places and rusted signs that speak in fragments of hope, humor, and despair.



Images: (Top) #61 — Sloan, IA Aaron Dougherty, Photograph, 2024

(Bottom) *Lost and Found* Luke Ball, Ink on wood, 2024

Opening Reception: First Friday– October 3rd, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Exhibition Dates: October 3 – October 31, 2025

Location: Kansas City Artists Coalition 3200 Gillham Road Kansas City, MO 64109

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM

About the Kansas City Artists Coalition: The Kansas City Artists Coalition (KCAC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting visual arts awareness in Kansas City and the surrounding region, while supporting the professional growth of artists.

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