

HALLOWEEN

I have an idea

Mathew Lacosse & Terry Lacosse

September 17 - October 31, 2026

Before Mathew left town, he was describing in anticipation that he and his father, Terry, would work these canvases until they couldn't anymore. To calm what I started to imagine, I made a succession of events and facts.

Mathew is putting up a show in Winnipeg

Winnipeg is his hometown

Mathew's father, Terry, lives in Winnipeg

Terry is also an artist

He has been painting most of his life

Landscapes and people

And vintage cars

Watercolour.

Mathew proposed to his father that they collaborate on works for this show

Paintings of Mathew's father's mother's (Mathew's grandmother's) car

Which is a Lexus SUV

The windshield and its reflections came to be a point of interest

That convexness refracts the neighbourhood

(Your Neighbourhood)

Mathew would like to dress these paintings in beeswax

And colour

These works are planned to be made in September, to be shown at the gallery, Halloween.

Mathew told me he anticipated driving lots. That he would rather walk but it's just not practical. Don't we all agree to disagree. I wonder if Francis Picabia ever agreed to disagree. He is known for having a temper and a confidence. Mathew and I spoke about Picabia's transparencies. Which led to a question of what his core interests were. He is known for saying; *If you want clean ideas, change them like shirts*. What are clean ideas? What I read next, was life affirming; Picabia had owned over 127 high speed cars in his lifetime.

Some people visit home to be within familiarity. Mathew's trip seemed like the opposite. Sort of maxed out in detail while at the same time, producing pictures with a parent. Via a childhood car. That car hits a nerve. Either the air in that thing was unnoticeably perfect or so wrong (nausea...boredom...family dynamics...slow and excruciating progression of time and space in Your Life). But after all, it is your carriage. Windshield is the kind of word whose etymology need not be researched.

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