



Art

Intangible Something

Bruce R. MacDonald is an artist who has been working with stainless steel for more than 25 years. Intangible Something is just one of the works he has created.

The heart of his artistic work today is an ongoing exploration of the optical properties of abraded metal. Some finishing techniques create a surface that seems to project off the material, others seem to recede from the surface plane and others simply place it accurately in space. By mixing these on a panel and lighting it directly the artist is able to create a three dimensional space out of a two dimensional object.

A photograph gives you the composition of the piece, but the essence of the work is the dynamic of the surface experienced by a viewer moving around in front of the panel. The metal itself is not the art just the medium. These are light sculptures and can be placed indoors or out and can be lit with colour shifting bulbs.



Location/environment | UNITED STATES/INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

Product | STAINLESS STEEL COLD ROLLED SHEET

Fabrication process

Grade/surface | 316L

Material thickness/diameter

Weight

Competing material

Date of completion

Manufacturer | BRM DESIGN

Material supplier | THYSSENKRUPP

Source of information | THYSSENKRUPP STAINLESS NORTH AMERICA

Remarks | PRIVATE COLLECTION. MORE WORK BY BRUCE R. MACDONALD CAN BE FOUND AT BRMDESIGN.COM.