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Nils Ohlsen : Miklos Gaal: Sightseeing Tour before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Miklos Gaal: Sightseeing Tour:

In the world of photographer Miklos Gal, the camera is always one step ahead of our perceptions, luring and guiding our eyes through pictures composed of alternating areas of sharp and soft focus, rich and blurred detail. The mundaneness of airports, playing fields, and pedestrian shopping zones transforms as if by magic--and the camera is magic, Gal seems to be reminding us--into something more on par with children's rhymes than the humdrum of everyday adult life. Newcomer Gal is one of the most successful representatives of a young generation of Finnish photographers whose fresh, untainted view of modern civilization has attracted considerable attention in recent years. In this overview--featuring some 30 works by the artist, many of them never before published--the world becomes a peculiarly inviting toy landscape in large-format color images.

About the Author Miklos Gaal was born in 1974 in Espoo, Finland. His work has been exhibited primarily in Europe, including shows at the Kunstverein Arnsberg, Fotoforum West in Innsbruck, the Kunsthalle Lophem in Brugge, Fotogalerie Wien, the Finnish Museum of Photography in Helsinki, the 2002 Stockholm Art Fair and the 2001 Art Forum Berlin. Gaal lives and works in Helsinki.