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Ricardo Humberto MILLA Hierro

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"Untitled" from the Mexican Street Graphics Series

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Ricardo Humberto Milla Hierro (Ricardo Milla) was born in Mexico City in 1974. He has a Bachelors of Communication Studies, from the University Monterrey, Mexico and has also studied at the European Universities in Antwerp Belgium and Madrid, Spain.

Milla has worked in the mediums of photography and film, though he has also studied art history, psychology and sociology; and this diverse background informs all of his artistic endeavors. He has developed and participated in art, music and editorial projects with artists such as Elena Poniatowska, Carlos Monsivais, David Byrne, Christopher Casagrande and Alberto Anaut. His installations, videos and photographs have been exhibited in Mexico, the United States, Europe and Egypt.

This photograph was published in "Sensacional! Mexican Street Graphics", a compendium of images from Mexico's small towns, roadsides and cities, as well as printed material such as flyers, labels and comic books. In the words of Juan Carlos Mena, "This book recognizes all of the artists whose inventiveness has moved us but who are largely ignored. Framing these graphic solutions as an artistic expression in themselves – a "modest" art, as Hervé Di Rosa would refer to it … we have attempted to take the first step toward the recovery and re-evaluation of what we believe is also our reflection – a genuine living museum that wakes each day to a new image, making the adventure of living in Mexico a fascinating experience."

It is an image that was painted as a street graphic advertising a beauty parlor in Durango, Mexico City.