

For Immediate Release

## JOHN SALMINEN

### City Light

Exhibition Dates: October 8 – November 7, 2015  
Reception: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2015

**September 17, 2015** – Stremmel Gallery is pleased to present *City Light*, an exhibition of recent paintings by Minnesota based artist John Salminen, on view from October 8 – November 7, 2015. The artist reception will be held Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Both the exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

John Salminen has been internationally recognized for his compelling depictions of city life and impressive command of the transparent watercolor medium. His paintings are alive with movement, light, color, and pattern, highly reflective of the atmosphere and experience of a bustling city. Initially composing his images through the lens of a camera, the artist is rarely drawn to iconic monuments and locales expected of travel photography. It is the understated moments in the city that more often capture his attention. Salminen notes, "As a painter, I'm always drawn to subjects that allow me to experiment with strong underlying abstract qualities." In this spirit, the challenge the cityscape presents has proven an alluring task for the artist throughout his career. Whether it is representing the subtle changes in light over the day or mapping out an infinite series of windows on the towering buildings above.

Salminen is a signature member of several American artist societies including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, the Watercolor USA Honor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America with Master Status, Allied Artists, and Watercolor West. He is also an honorary member of the Jiangsu Watercolor Research Institute of China and is the first American to be awarded membership into the Australian Watercolour Institute. Salminen has exhibited in over thirty international exhibitions and received over 230 artistic awards throughout his career.

For more information, or to schedule a private viewing of this exhibition, please call Stremmel Gallery at **775-786-0558**. A preview of works is available at [www.stremmelgallery.com](http://www.stremmelgallery.com); high-resolution images also available upon request. Stremmel Gallery is located at **1400 South Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada** with gallery hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.