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ISAAC JULIEN

Through April 13. Metro Pictures,
519 West 24th Street, Manhattan;
212-206-7100, metropictures.com.

In Isaac Julien's new installation, "Lessons of the Hour — Frederick Douglass," 10 screens hung at varying heights display scenes from the life of the former slave turned abolitionist. Featuring narrated excerpts from Mr. Douglass's speeches, the film eschews action for quiet images that conjure a meditative state, interrupted by flashes of violence. Despite feeling cramped in the gallery, Mr. Julien's gorgeous panorama honors his subject's status as the most photographed American of the 19th century.

JILLIAN STEINHAUER



Isaac Julien's "J.P. Ball Salon 1867 (Lessons of The Hour)," 2019, at Metro Pictures; glass inkjet paper mounted on aluminum.