

Galerie Janine Rubeiz is proud to present the award-winning photography series **A Girl and Her Room**, by lebanese photographer Rania Matar, from 11 to 28 April 2012.

This series features intimate photographic portraits of teenage girls in their most personal space, their bedroom.

"I initially started this work focusing on teenage girls in the United States and eventually expanded the project to include girls from the two worlds I am most familiar with, the two worlds I experienced myself as a teen and a young twenty-year old: the United States and the Middle East. This is how this project became very personal to me. I became fascinated with the similar issues girls at that age face, regardless of culture, religion, and background, as they learn to deal with all the pressures that arise as they become consciously aware of the surrounding world, wherever this may be. Being with these young women in the privacy of their worlds gave me a unique peek into their private lives and their real selves. They sensed that I was not judging them and became active participants in the project. The beauty and strength, the aspirations and dreams of these young women are deeply moving. I have tried to be the invisible mirror of those qualities. My deepest hope for this project is that they all find their own path through life to achieve the fullness of their promise."

#### Rania Matar

Rania Matar was born and raised in Lebanon, moved to the United States in 1984. Her work focuses on women and girls both in the Middle East and the US. She has won numerous awards and her images are in permanent collections of museums worldwide. «A Girl and Her Room» was a Top 50 Winner at Photolucida's Critical Mass in 2009 and 2010; she won the 2011 Legacy Award at the Griffin Museum of Photography and received the Massachusetts Cultural Council artist fellowship in 2011. That same year, she published her second book, «A Girl and Her Room», Umbrage Editions, with essays by Anne Tucker and Susan Minot. Matar's first book «Ordinary Lives» was published in 2009. She teaches at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.



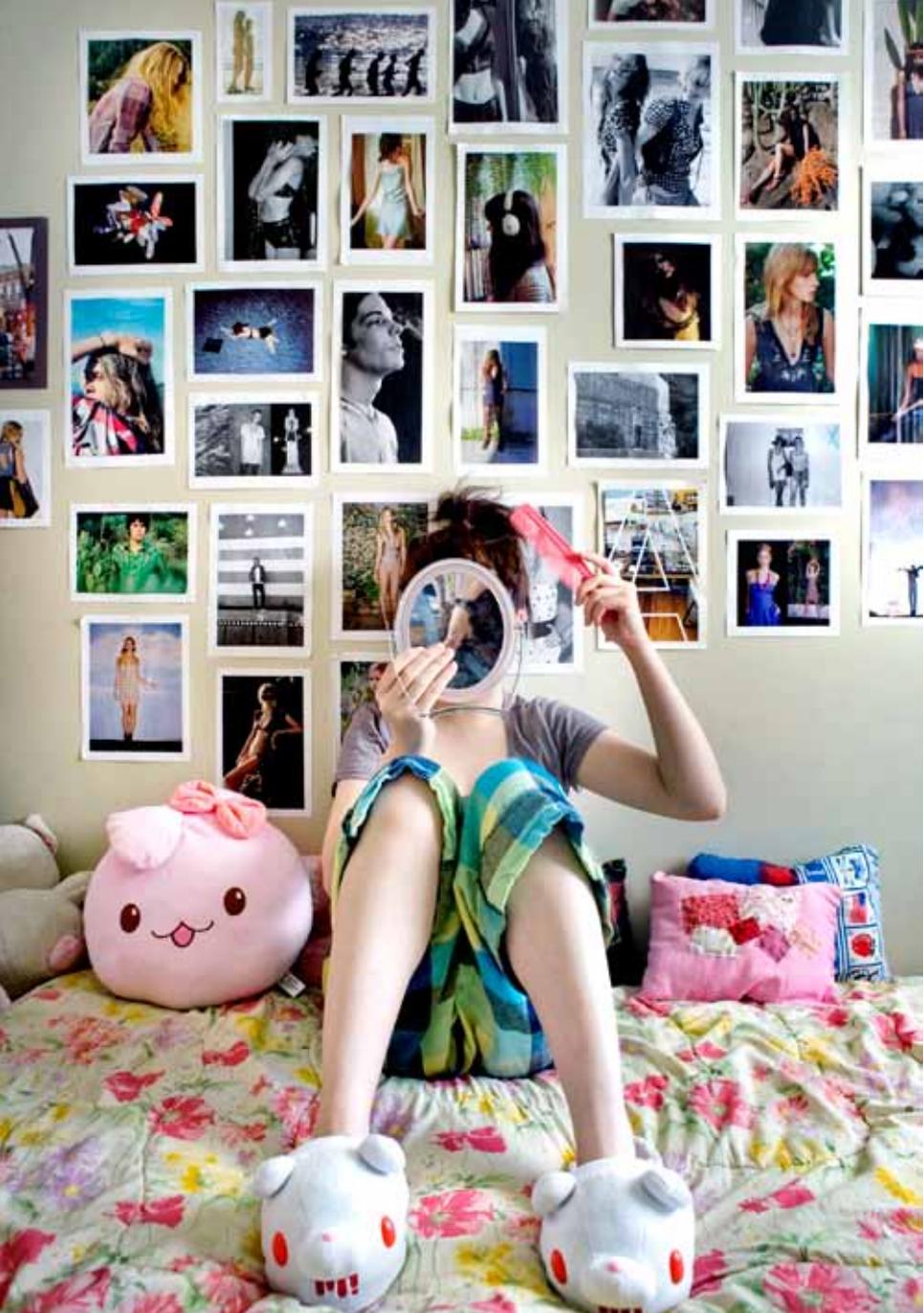
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### Rania Matar

A Girl and Her Room

11 - 28 April 2012





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has the pleasure to invite you to the opening  
of the exhibition and the book signing of

## Rania Matar

A Girl and Her Room

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 starting 5 pm  
in the presence of the artist  
Exhibition from April 11 to April 28, 2012

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