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C. GRIMALDIS GALLERY

RANIA MATAR

SHE

ON VIEW:

SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

OPENING RECEPTION:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

BALTIMORE, MD - C. Grimaldis Gallery is pleased to present *SHE*, a solo exhibition of works by Lebanese photographer Rania Matar. Drawing from personal experience as both a woman and mother, Matar's ongoing series captures female-identifying subjects in new environments, offering a view into the exploratory nature of what it means to be on your own for the first time.

Centering her subjects in less familiar environments, Matar probes at the relationship our physical environment has to the way we self express and create. The twelve portraits presented in *SHE* consider ideas of transition, revealing the beauty and vulnerability connected to growing up. Rania Matar has dedicated her practice to exploring issues of personal and collective identity through photographs of female adolescence and womanhood in the United States and in the Middle East. As a Lebanese-born American woman, Matar's cross-cultural experiences inform her art.



RANIA MATAR,
KAYLA, JAMAICA PLAIN, MASSACHUSETTS, 2020
archival pigment print, 30 x 25.3 inches framed

Rania Matar's work has been widely published and exhibited in museums worldwide, including the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston, MA), the Carnegie Museum of Art (Pittsburgh, PA), National Museum of Women in the Arts (Washington, D.C.), and more. She has received several grants and awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2018, a Mellon Foundation Artist-in-Residence Grant at the Gund Gallery at Kenyon College in 2017, a Legacy Award at the Griffin Museum of Photography in 2011, and three Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Fellowships. In 2008 she was a finalist for the Foster Award at the Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston, MA) with an accompanying solo exhibition. Her solo exhibition *SHE* celebrates the launch of the artist's recent book publication, featuring essays by Mark Alice Durant and Orin Zahra.

Rania Matar: *SHE* is on view at C. Grimaldis Gallery from September 23 through November 6, 2021. An ALL DAY reception will take place on Saturday, September 25th, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The artist and published essay writers will be present at our open house reception from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Hours for C. Grimaldis Gallery, which is free and open to the public, are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM or by appointment. We are pledged to follow certain requirements for COVID-19 safety compliance. Please see our website for details. Press Inquiries: info@cgrimaldisgallery.com

C. Grimaldis Gallery has continuously operated in Baltimore since 1977. It has established itself as Baltimore's oldest contemporary art gallery, and an important venue in the region. The gallery specializes in postwar American and European art with an emphasis on contemporary sculpture.