

LEILA HELLER GALLERY.

"Aida Mahmudova at Leila Heller Gallery." AMA. (May 12, 2015).



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Leila Heller Gallery is to host an exhibition of works by Aida Mahmudova entitled "Passing By..." from 28 May until 3 July 2015, marking the artist's first solo exhibition in the United States.

The exhibition will feature eight new paintings that build on the themes of nostalgia and memory found in her past work, and draw inspiration from the landscape and architecture of Azerbaijan where she currently lives and works. She explains, "The scenes in my paintings have a strong personal resonance, combining places within Baku with those remembered and imagined. Each view captures a moment of stillness against a backdrop that is constantly changing." This tension between fiction and reality in her paintings is recreated by merging abstract and figurative forms, creating images that are both inviting and disorientating.

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan in 1982, Aida Mahmudova currently lives and works there. Mahmudova has exhibited widely, and will be showing seascapes at the 56th Venice Biennale as part of the "VITA VITALE" group exhibition curated by Artwise. Mahmudova is the Founder and Creative Director of YARAT, which was founded with a group of artists in 2011, and recently commissioned The Union of Fire and Water, a collateral project at the 56th Venice Biennale.