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EXHIBITION

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28 May 2015 - 3 Jul 2015

Aida Mahmudova will hold her first solo USA exhibition at Leila Heller Gallery.

About

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 lives and works. In this series of paintings Mahmudova explores the idea of impermanence. The works provide glimpses of Azerbaijan's natural surroundings, urban environment and architecture, a backdrop that is

undergoing constant and rapid change. A central component of Mahmudova's work is her exploration of memory, its links to identity, and how they both can be continually altered and re-remembered over time.

Aida has exhibited widely internationally, including *Here Today* at the Old Sorting Office in London; *Love Me, Love Me Not* at the 55th Venice Biennale; *Fly To Baku*, London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, Rome; and *Merging Bridges* at the Museum of Modern Art, Baku, Azerbaijan. She is also showing at the 56th Venice Biennale as part of the VITA VITALE group exhibition curated by Artwise. She is also the founder and Creative Director of YARAT, a non-for-profit arts organisation in Baku, Azerbaijan dedicated to raising the platform of Azerbaijani art, who have just opened their first permanent space in Baku.