## ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY

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Samira Alikhanzadeh Graces the Walls at Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri



Samira Alikhanzadeh Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri 500 Harrison Ave September 5 - 26, 2014

BOSTON, MA – Continuing their series of exhibitions of Iranian artists, Robert Klein Gallery and Azita Bina are proud to present the mixed-media work of Samira Alikhanzadeh. Born in Tehran, Iran, in 1967, Alikhanzadeh uses mirror fragments, found photographs, and acrylic paint to experiment with ideas of past and present identities, presence, and perspective. Her work is in the collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Devi Art Foundation, and Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art.

Says Alikhanzadeh, "The images I use in my work date to the 1930's, 40's and 50's; a period following the banishment of the veil in Iran. By applying mirrors to the surface, I create the viewers' marked though incomplete presence within the framework of my composition. I thus make a direct connection between the subjects in the past and the viewers in the present. They in turn become a part of the composition and possible descendants of the subjects, looking into the past or, perhaps like me, satisfying their voyeuristic urge to enter the lives and memories of generations gone by."

Three of Alikhanzadeh's pieces will be shown at Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave) through Saturday, September 27; a First Friday reception was held last Friday, September 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The event was free and open to the public. Gohar Dashti's series *Iran, Untitled* will be shown at Robert Klein Gallery (38 Newbury St) September 5 through 26.

Please note, the Tahmineh Monzavi exhibition planned for this month was postponed due to logistical concerns. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to sharing the work with you in the future.

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Robert Klein opened his Newbury Street space with early exhibitions of Diane Arbus, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, and Hiroshi Sugimoto. From 1995 through 2008, Robert served as President of the Board of Directors of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). During his tenure, Robert engineered the 2006 expansion of The AIPAD Photography Show New York to the Park Avenue Armory. The AIPAD Photography Show's move firmly established it as one of the leading photographic fairs in the world.

Robert Klein Gallery maintains an extensive and ever-changing inventory of 19th century, 20th century, and contemporary photographs. Participating in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, The Armory Show – Modern, and The AIPAD Photography Show in New York, Robert Klein Gallery provides its contemporary artists with international exposure while exhibiting works by recognized masters such as Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, and Irving Penn. With 40 combined years of experience and a profound knowledge base, the gallery staff is committed to serving as a resource for both novice and seasoned collectors.

Robert Klein Gallery 38 Newbury St, Boston, MA, 02116 617.267.7997 http://www.robertkleingallery.com Tuesday – Friday, 10 AM – 5:30 PM Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

In June 2012, Robert Klein Gallery began a long-term collaboration with Ars Libri, a rare and out-of-print book dealer, to host satellite installations in the South End bookstore. Exhibits at Ars Libri supplement and complement Robert Klein Gallery shows with additional works and printed material. In 2013, Robert Klein Gallery and Ars Libri partnered with Azita Bina to introduce Western collectors to the work of contemporary Iranian artists -- in particular, contemporary Iranian photographers. Bina, a Boston-based chef and restaurateur, was born in Tehran, Iran, and lived there until the 1970s. Returning regularly to her homeland, Bina maintains close ties to the Persian art community and possesses an informed understanding of contemporary Iranian artists.

Ars Libri 500 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA, 02118 617.357.5212 http://www.arslibri.com Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

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