Kayla Mohammadi: *THE SHAPE OF COLOR* at Perimeter Gallery July 22 – September 11, 2021

Perimeter Gallery is pleased to bring the paintings of Kayla Mohammadi to Belfast with the exhibition, *The Shape of Color*, opening on July 22. There will be a reception that evening from 5:30-7:30.

Arranged in partnership with Caldbeck Gallery, this exhibition features new work in which the paintings' structure is primarily defined by shape, usually centered in the canvas. In her paintings, Kayla seeks visual translation rather than literal portrayal. Although she draws from the landscape and still life as a way to explore ideas, she abstracts space through color and mark, stating: "The paintings strive to be beautiful but also a bit raw and surprising."

Born in San Francisco, Kayla received her BFA in 1998 from the University of Washington in Seattle and her MFA from Boston University in 2002. In addition to Caldbeck Gallery, recent exhibitions include: Maier Art Museum, *One Place, Two Views*; University of Southern Maine, *Contemporary Responses to Modernism*, and The Painting Center in NY, *Patterns of Influence*.

Kayla has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Academy of Arts and Letters Childe Hassam Purchase Prize in 2014, the Joan Mitchell Foundation Award for Painters in 2008, and the Joan Mitchell Artist Residency in New Orleans. She is currently Visiting Assistant Professor at Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and lives and works in Boston and South Bristol, Maine. She is represented by Caldbeck Gallery in Rockland, Maine.

The Shape of Color will be on view through September 11<sup>th</sup> Perimeter Gallery is located at Chase's Daily, 96 Main Street, in Belfast, Maine. Gallery hours are 8-3, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 338-0555, or email <a href="mailto:perimeter96@gmail.com">perimeter96@gmail.com</a>.

More images from the artist are available at <a href="www.kaylamohammadi.com">www.kaylamohammadi.com</a>

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Attached image:

Fruit Bowl, 6' x 5', acrylic on canvas, 2021