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RE: Christine Palamidessi, October 2022

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Christine Palamidessi---FIGURES- Vessels, Vestals, Etudes--October. 4-30, 2022

Artist Talk and Afternoon Tea, 2:30-3:30pm, Thursday October. 6, 2022

Opening Reception , Friday October 7, 2022, 6-9pm-

Christine Palamidessi is a Boston-based artist known for figurative work that is embedded with memory formation, perception of time, and the exchange of myths. Her recent paper sculptures show the female form as a mixed cultural citation that evokes family bonds, Egyptian goddesses, Roman Vestals, haute couture, and childhood toys that pose as invitations to the imaginal realm of play and contemplation. Her process includes layering strips of paper onto imprints of live models, or dolls, using a traditional 'arte povera' technique of South Italy cartapesta (developed to make religious statuary). The palette of the standing sculptures--Vessels-- reflect the raw color of the cedar wood used to manufacture the cartapesta paper; alternately the hanging paper sculptures--Vestals-- have been flattened under the drum of a printing press, painted, stitched with linen and silk, and anointed with crystals and gold leaf. The creations are animist, feminist, and unmoor the artist's personal experience with spirits of the past and present .

The October 2022 exhibit of Christine Palamidessi's. FIGURES- Vessels, Vestals, Etudes at Galatea Fine Art in Boston includes:

- eight life-sized, acephalous paper sculptures that are light enough to fly and. deeply rooted in the form of Egyptian, Cucuteni and Minoan statuary.
- twelve 14 x 15 inch, intimate, flattened sculptures that echo the form of the larger Vessels and continue the artist's exploration of the beauty and mystery of the female figure and the mythic journey she takes through time.
- an assemblage of playful Etudes (miniature Vessels)

PRESS PACKET for **FIGURES- Vessels, Vestals, Etudes** (includes press release and images) can be found at. <https://www.palamidessi.com/about/press-package>

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