
PHILEMONA WILLIAMSON

Artist's Statement

PHILEMONA WILLIAMSON's paintings explore the tenuous bridge between adolescence and adulthood, encapsulating the intersection of innocence and experience at its most piercing and poignant moment. The metaphorical images focus on the transitional period of adolescence, when personal discovery and awareness collide with the force of worldly knowledge. The lush color palette and dreamlike positioning of the figures ensures that their vulnerability—of age, of race, of sexual identity—is seen as strength and not as weakness.