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Rachel Lee Hovnanian Gets Nostalgic with Mud Pie in New Exhibit

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Rachel Lee Hovnanian is serving up pie and coffee to art lovers at Leila Heller Gallery. Not really—but her latest exhibition, "Mud Pie," does include a small café in Texas.

"Mud Pie," on display through June 2, explores the artist's Texas childhood, including, of course, the mud pies she used to make in her backyard. Sculptures, paintings and photography tell the story of a small neighborhood café, complete with BBQ, lemonade and pie—exactly what people have been craving in this sweltering summer weather.

Using digital technology and even Twitter, Hovnanian makes the point that things like freshly-squeezed lemonade have turned into powder mixed with water and Facebook friends have become our "real" friends. "I am guilty of this behavior," says the artist. "I find myself walking to my studio texting and eating a power bar for breakfast."

Leila Heller Gallery is located 568 W. 25th Street.

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