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12 Art Shows to See in New York This December Katherine Bradford: *Arms and the Sea*



Katherine Bradford's "In the Lake" (2023) at Canada Gallery (photo Hrag Vartanian/*Hyperallergic*)

Figures are at the center of Katherine Bradford's latest exhibition of new works at Canada Gallery, and she's given her audience what we wanted: more bather paintings. Hurray! "In the Lake," a large history-painting-sized canvas, is covered with at least six figures, though there are signs of others poking out into our perceptual register. They have a new weight and solidity that her past figures never quite had. In "Back Dive in Darkness," a similar sense of gravity is

also evoked in a way I don't remember seeing in her work before, while the figures in "Midnight Waders" appear to express a type of emotional awareness that also feels novel in her art and "In Bed Together" depicts a glorious, cosmic moment of intimacy that anyone in love will feel viscerally. Something new is brewing here, and I suspect this is only the beginning. —*HV*