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"About Knowing: Portraits of  
Growing Up Female"  
Gabriellè Russomagno, photographs  
Muse Gallery  
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Conceived as a visual exercise exploring memories of a lost adolescence, Gabrielle Russomagno's November exhibition at Olde City, Philadelphia's Muse Gallery, entitled "About Knowing: Portraits of Growing Up Female," consisted of twenty 15" -square black and white photographs of young girls, varying in age from toddlers to teens.

Portraits of the type that reveal a sense of the subject's inner feelings and/or character, we see expressions of contentment, intrusion, dreaming, togetherness, solitude, and fortitude -- these being, of course, but some of the many emotions that evolve during adolescence -- adroitly conjured in Russomagno's work.

Well-composed and quite artful, this Muse artist has an eye for a compelling look and a sensitive manner.

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