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## LOOK & LISTEN: Toy camera creates beautiful pics

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**ARTIST:** Marianna Urrutia, 31

**MEDIUM:** Photography using 120 mm film and a Holga camera or a Canon.

**BEST KNOWN FOR:** Embracing spontaneity through her photographs. She's big on the vignetting and blurring that occurs when shooting with the Holga, a toy camera. When asked about her personal philosophy toward photography, Urrutia said: "About my Holga, I just went on vacation, and that's all I shot with. You cannot control it, and that's what I love about it. .... My philosophy is that you just don't have to think about it." She also has a jewelry-making business called Chick Rocks.



Courtesy 'El Parajito Borracho' was taken with a Holga camera, known for blurring and often distorting photos.

**BACKGROUND:** Urrutia earned her undergraduate degree in interior design at UTSA in 2000 and her master's degree in architecture at the University of Houston in 2003. But she prefers to emphasize her graduation from Thomas Edison High School in 1995. "In the future, we'd like to work with high school students," she said of herself and her boyfriend Juan Garcia, who is also a photographer. As far as photography goes, Urrutia is self-taught.

**PAYING THE BILLS:** This photog doubles as an architect by day for the Don B. McDonald high-end residential firm.

**CHECK HER OUT:** Thursday, Sept. 4-Sept. 25 at Loft Studio 121 Blue Star, No. 5. The opening reception will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. The gallery will be open 5:30-10:30 p.m. for First Friday on Friday, Sept. 5. Regular viewing hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. For more information, call Garcia at (210) 787-8492 or loft121number5.com.

Her photography and jewelry can also be found online at [chickrocks.com](http://chickrocks.com).

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