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(notes on culture)



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This **FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA** exhibit is tricky to get to, hanging as it does in an indifferent atrium/thru-way between the offices of the North American Development Bank and the Coahuila Trade Office. Once you get in there, though, you'll find some worthwhile images, including **Alfredo de Stéfano's** nouveau landscapes, in which tiny bonfires flash, flashlights resemble light sabers, and ladders rise starkly into the ether amid a poetically parched desert backdrop.

Christina Kahlo, a grand-niece of Santa Frida, documents Mixe bands in Basel, Switzerland, who pose in ropa mexicana amid alpine austerity. And **Graciela Iturbide** mesmerizes with a gelatin silver print, "Mujer Angel," which captures a woman with wild, waist-length black hair and seemingly Revolución-era costume wending her way along a rocky hillside overlooking brush country. Her left hand steadies her on the rocks, while her right hand bears an iconic, startling, 1980s-era boombox in place of an angel's trumpet.

Curated by **Patricia Ruiz-Healy**, *International Exposure: Looking at Contemporary Photography* at the San Antonio International Center, 203 South St. Mary's Street, is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September 30. Fotseptiembreusa.com for more info.

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