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This weekend in Fotoseptiembre: hold on to your hats

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The issue of cultural identity comes to a head -- literally -- in "Totem for Light I (Carlos)," a self-portrait by Carlos Betancourt in which the Puerto Rico-born, Miami-based artist wears a towering headdress festooned with faux jewels, flowers, sea shells, family pictures, a globe and a disco ball, among other things.

Betancourt's manipulated digital images are part of "Photographic Encounters: Humanity in Nature," an exhibit for Fotoseptiembre USA of work by Latin American. The other artists in the show include San Antonio's Arturo Almeida and Mexico's Yolanda Andrade. The show, presented by Ruiz-Healy Art and curated by New York art critic Graciela Kartofel, opens with a reception 6 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 3) at the City of San Antonio International Center, 203 S. St. Mary's St. It continues through Sept. 30.

Kartofel will give a guided tours of the exhibit 5:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 18 at the International Center.

Other shows opening for Fotoseptiembre this week:

"Pictures Without a Story": James L. Gonzalez finds beauty at his feet with abstract photographs of the pavement. On display at the American Payroll Association, 660 Main Ave. Opening reception 6 to 9 p.m. tonight (Aug. 28).

"So Much Art, So Little Time": A retrospective featuring new works and highlights from Joan Frederick's 30-year career goes on display Tuesday (Sept. 1) at the [Carver Community Cultural Center](#).

San Antonio Visual Artists: Winning photographs from the submissions for the show will be announced at the opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 1) at the group's space in Rivercenter Mall.

"Deep in the Heart of Iraq: Photos of the Texas Seabees": The exhibit of Leslie Shively's photographs of the U.S. Navy battalion opens with a reception 4 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 2) in the Blume Academic Library at St. Mary's University.

"Sueños": California photographer Roxanne Haynes' images of the famous -- Santana, Manu Chao, The Rolling Stones, Eddie Vedder, Lila Downs -- and not so famous. Soft opening 6 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 3) at [El Sol Studios](#).

For a complete listing of Fotoseptiembre events go [here](#).



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"Totem for Light I (Carlos)" by Carlos Betancourt.

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