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# FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA extends its scope in 2009

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Celebrating its 15th year of displaying the works of local, national and international photographers, FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA is continuing its snapshot-worthy festival that kicked off Aug. 20 and runs throughout September.

Festival founder, director and producer Michael Mehl has been at the helm of the privately owned festival that he described as "the only one of this size worldwide."

Since its inception, FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA has established itself as a community-based festival but Mehl plans for it to grow to include a wider scope. "We grow contextually with the cultural needs of our city," Mehl said.

Three years ago Mehl began to collaborate with the Instituto Cultural de México, which agreed to function as host for FOTOSEPTIEMBRE's main Signature Exhibits series. The Instituto houses four galleries and throughout FOTOSEPTIEMBRE has established each gallery with its own format.

Here's a rundown of upcoming FOTOSEPTIEMBRE events:

'Photographic Encounters: Humanity in Nature'

Runs through Sept. 30; City Of San Antonio International Center, 203 S. Saint Mary's St.

New York art critic Graciela Kartofel curates this exhibition, which displays the works of a varied group of Latino photographers. Guided tours will be Friday, Sept. 4, and Friday, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m. Free. (210) 804-2219.

Runs through Sept. 30; El Sol Studios, 936 S. Alamo St.

California-based photographer Roxanne R. Haynes shoots anything from traveling excursions in Cuba to concerts featuring some of the most world-renowned musicians. Free. (210) 226-9700.

Runs through Oct. 25; Instituto Cultural de México, Rivera Gallery, 600 HemisFair Park

This exhibit features period images from the fototeca de Nuevo Leon archives. Free. (210) 227-0123

Runs through Oct. 25; Instituto Cultural de México, Orozco Gallery, 600 HemisFair Park



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Roxanne R. Haynes shoots everything from traveling circuses to musicians. Her work is being featured at El Sol Studios.

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Leo Matiz started out by drawing caricatures, but after being given a camera, he quickly began his career as a documentary photographer. Curator Luis-Martín Lozano will have a book presentation and lecture on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m at the Instituto Cultural de México. Free. (210) 227-0123.

**Runs through Oct. 8; COSAS, 1109 S. Main St., Boerne**

COSAS owner Bob Niederhauser will display portraits and landscapes from his travels in Latin America. COSAS is located in Boerne's new River South Art and Design District. Free. (830) 249-1500.

For a complete list of event, visit [www.fotoseptiembreusa.com](http://www.fotoseptiembreusa.com).

'Los Ojos De COSAS'

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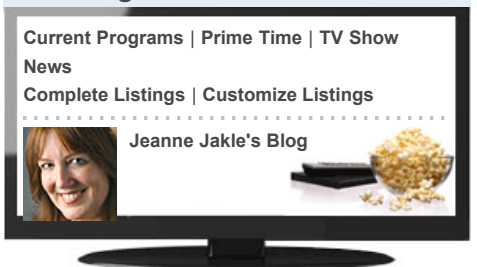
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