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SAY Sí FotoSeptiembre Exhibit Features Hidden Treasures of San Antonio

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September 2, 2010 · SAY Sí's young artists will be on hand tomorrow evening to talk about their works for FotoSeptiembre.

Hinojosa: "You'll see that in this gallery and in this exhibit, the work is very professionally done."

This year's theme for SAY Sí students is "San Antonio Lost, San Antonio Found." Guillermina Zabala, SAY Sí's Media Arts Director, went on field trips with the middle-and-high school-aged students to find images of recognizable and unrecognizable places and structures.

Zabala: "The idea of finding areas that people usually don't know about San Antonio. Unusual either locations or characters and finding interesting architecture, and also unusual areas, unusual perspectives."

Some of the students created black and white images of every day people doing every day things. Others looked for patterns and used computer techniques to create stories with color in their black-and-white photos. Once back at the SAY Sí studios, the students are challenged further. Executive Director Jon Hinojosa.

Hinojosa: "It's not only letting them be creative, but it's pushing process and understanding and design elements and decision making and all those things that are so important to anybody."

SAY Sí's mission is to provide a resource for artistic students, especially in an environment where arts programs are being dismantled by public schools. The artists will attend the opening at SAY Sí tonight and answer questions about their processes for the FotoSeptiembre projects.

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