



# TEN WEST LIVING

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## The Hofbrau & Beer Garden

All for Fun and Fun for All

## Uncork a Bottle of Texas Wine

Unique Flavors as Big as the Lone Star State

## Fall in Estes Park

A Hauntingly Good Time at the Stanley



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ith fall approaching fast, it only means one thing...a new school year is here! You are probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. The kids are electrified with feelings of nervousness and anticipation about the first day of school and all of the new things it brings: new teachers, new

friends, maybe even a new school. Luckily, these new "worries" will only stick around for a little while, and melt away as summer slips into fall. As the leaves change from green to golden a whole new season is upon us as well as all the fun that comes with it.

The San Antonio community is known for its generosity, for sharing a bond in a commitment to improving our community, and the fall is the season to celebrate that generosity. The feeling of accomplishment after seeing your hard work make someone's life better is more than enough to justify the time, energy and money donated. But who can deny the fact that we all live for the galas, and gala season is here! In our article, "A Toast to Giving," we highlight four events that are big on giving and even bigger on a good time.

Robert Frost said, "There is one thing more exasperating than a wife who can cook and won't, and that is a wife who can't cook and will." With that in mind, we introduce you to the Hofbrau & Beer Garden at the Quarry Market. They keep it simple, they keep it Texas and offer good menu items with the best possible service. Try their oak-grilled steaks, a chicken-fried rib eye with jalapeno cream gravy or one of the many ice-cold draft beers. You won't want to leave without tasting their world famous Dos-a-Rita!

Fall is a time of changing leaves, cooler temperatures and hauntingly good times. It is also the perfect time to visit Estes Park, the gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Park and home to The Stanley Hotel. With its old world charm, the Stanley Hotel is a luxury hotel offering fine dining in one of the most picturesque spots in Colorado. It is also named the most haunted hotel in America and the hotel is considered by many as one of the most haunted places in the country. Live the life of luxury and be haunted like a VIP.

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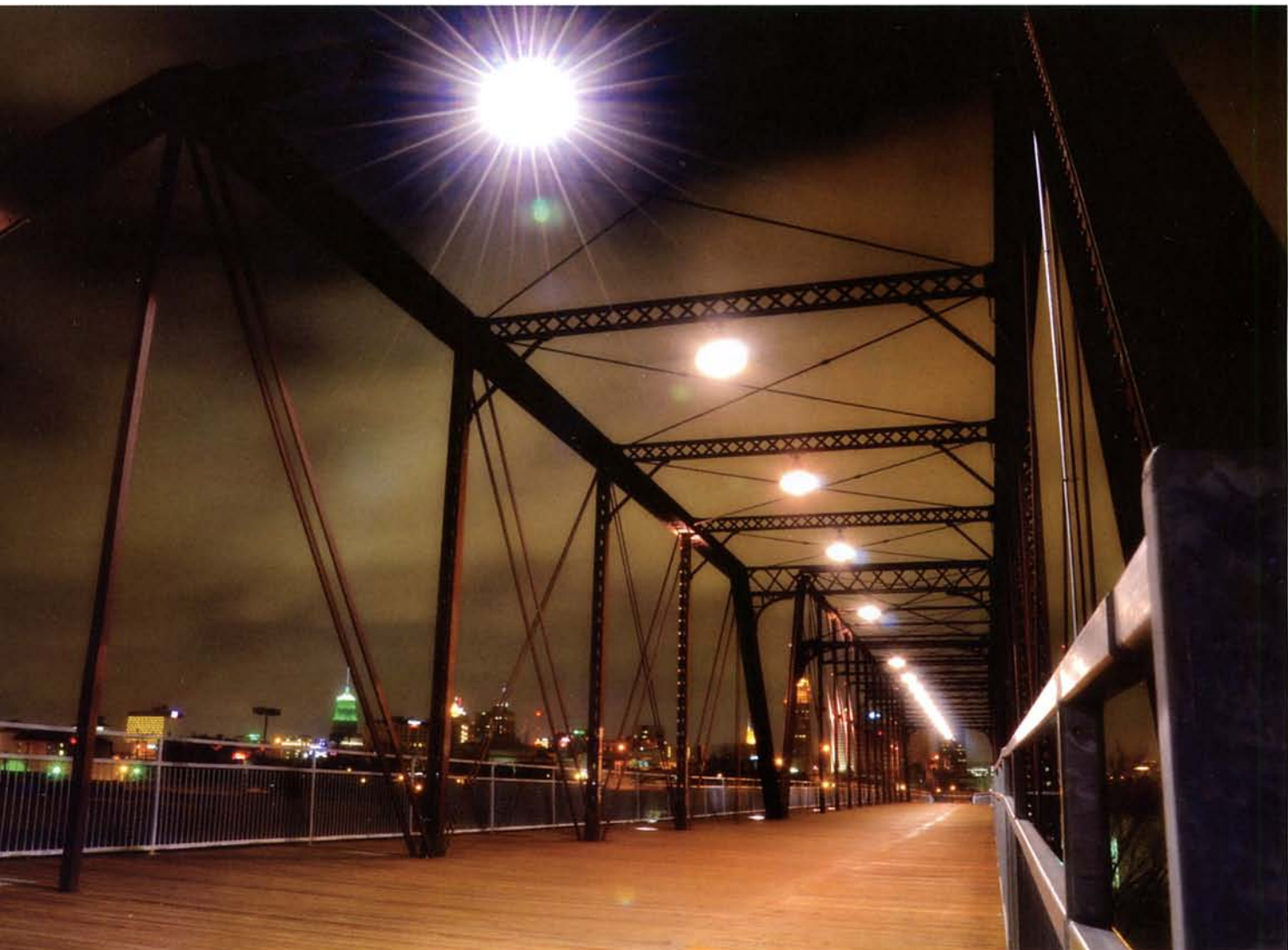
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# MIXED EMOTIONS

An insider's look at Fotoseptiembre USA 2012

by Vernelle Lynch

For 17 years, the Fotoseptiembre USA International Photography Festival has celebrated photography with a unique and eclectic month long festival during the month of September. International, national, regional, and local artists alike will show off their most prized works of traditional photographs, digital images, photography based works, photographic installations, alternative processes, and everything in between in galleries, museums, art centers and exhibition spaces across San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country.

Enjoy yourself as photographers examine culture, social issues, look inward, outward and onward as they let viewers glimpse into their personal exploration of contemporary notions and emotions with striking simplicity and depth. When the festival was founded, it was with the intent of creating a cultural corridor between Mexico and San Antonio. Throughout the years it has gained interest from artistic communities from around the world. This year's Fotoseptiembre USA 2012 is a far call from what the event started as in 1995. After almost two decades of organizing Fotoseptiembre USA, founder and director Michael Mehl attributes





THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Albert Pedroza in "En La Luz" at the King William Association Office, Alex & Felix on display in "Mixed Metaphors - 13 Queens" at the Instituto Cultural de México, Susan Burnstine in "Mixed Metaphors - Absence Of Being" at the Instituto Cultural de México, Lori Nix in "Mixed Metaphors - The City" at the Instituto Cultural de México, Gabriel Figueroa Flores in "Mixed Metaphors - Lugares Prometidos" at the Instituto Cultural de México.



the festival's success to the immense community participation. For the past five years, Fotoseptiembre USA has partnered with the City of San Antonio's Office of Cultural Affairs and their Sister City Cultural Exchange Initiative to present a series of Signature Exhibits in the galleries of the Instituto Cultural de México, located in Hemisfair Park. This unprecedented exchange of art and culture can be seen throughout many of the exhibits including "Mixed Metaphors – 13 Queens" by Swiss artists Alex & Felix. It showcases Alex's & Felix's imaginative and surreal worlds that are characterized by the staging that precedes the actual shooting. Another must-see exhibit featured at the Instituto Cultural de México is "Mixed Metaphors – Stage" by Taiwanese artist Shen, Chao-Liang.

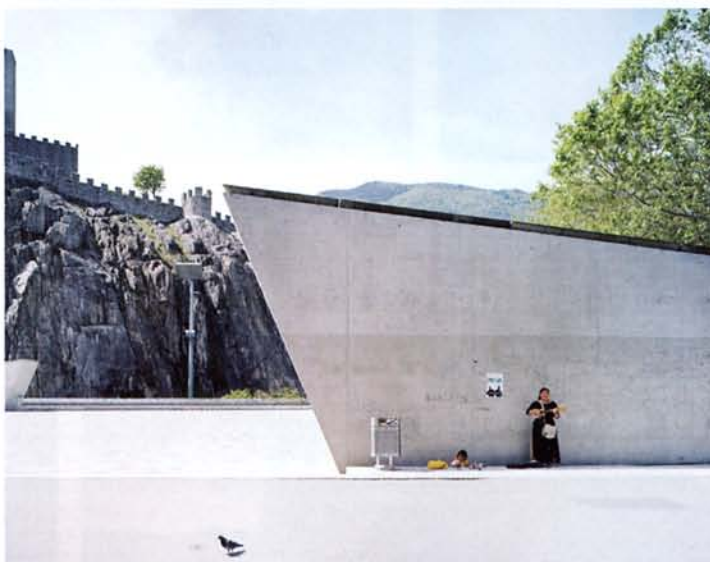
The Signature Exhibits include works of artists from Switzerland, Mexico, Taiwan, New York and Los Angeles. This worldwide interest has resulted in an emphasis on the more experimental approaches to photographic arts, when photographers make use of their camera as an expressive device, and not merely a recording device. The exhibits are filled with breathtaking views that give viewers a unique glimpse into the culture and life of the artist.

Additionally, there are a core group of exhibits, which are produced, curated and presented by Fotoseptiembre USA organizers. These spectacular exhibits are considered the anchor exhibits, and should not be missed. You can find these exhibits at Southwest School of Art, the San Antonio Museum of Art and UTSA. You can also visit Say Si, the Blue Star Contemporary Art Center and Bihl Haus Arts, as well as private galleries such as Gallery Nord and Rendon Photography & Fine Art. These highlights are just a quick peek at the photographic treats that you will encounter. Fotoseptiembre USA 2012 features several hundred artists from around the world in over 60 venues across the San Antonio Area.

Best advice to make the most out of Fotoseptiembre USA 2012? Open your eyes, throw back your head and feel the cool breeze of artistic expression and exploration flow over, under and through your soul.

Fotoseptiembre USA takes place every September. Be sure to explore the eclectic scope of works on exhibition, and maybe even take a piece of art or two home. Aside from the many exhibits on display in San Antonio, galleries in Boerne, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Spring Branch, Bulverde and New Braunfels will also be showcasing fine photographic works.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information and complete exhibit details visit [www.fotoseptiembreusa.com](http://www.fotoseptiembreusa.com).



THIS PAGE FROM TOP : Shen Chao-Liang in "Mixed Metaphors - Stage" at the Instituto Cultural de México, Ursula Sprecher & Julian Salinas in "Mixed Metaphors - Heimatland" at the Instituto Cultural de México, Diego Huerta in "31K Portraits for Peace" at the UTSA Satellite Space at Blue Star.

