



# RUIZ-HEALY ART

Contemporary Art from Latin America & Texas

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## ***Cecilia Paredes: The Wandering Flight***

The exhibition will be on display September 3 through October 10, 2015

Ruiz-Healy Art 201-A East Olmos Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78212

Presented as part of FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA

Opening Reception 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2015

Ruiz-Healy Art will participate in FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA International Photography Festival and is pleased to present *The Wandering Flight* a solo exhibition of new works by internationally renowned artist Cecilia Paredes.

Born in Lima, Peru, Paredes currently works and lives between Philadelphia, PA and Lima, Peru. She studied fine Arts at the Catholic University of Lima, Cambridge Arts and Crafts School in England, and the Accademia del Nudo in Roma in Italy.

*The Wandering Flight* tells the story of the desire to fly. The narrative begins with a place to arrive—a port—here the character can dwell in search of relevance. Camouflaged within the surroundings, the character inhabits a perfect symbiotic realm.

The exhibition's flight narrative continues with four large format tapestries made out of feathers. The artist dyed common feathers to set them ablaze with colors in these arrangements. As Simon Flores states, "The use of the feathers and the wings is closely related with the idea of rebellion and freedom."

Cecilia Paredes is well-known for her "photo performances". She incorporates herself into her photographs and blends her contours into patterns of the surrounding environment. She covers her body in repetitive forms that are found in the landscape of fabric from which she emerges. Paredes states, "I think that in these works, aesthetics bind with the anthropologic in order to register fragments of personal and social



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memory.” Through these works, Paredes is building her own identity in relation to the part of the world where she lives and raises the question of how our environment influences who we are. In her photographs she is so immersed in her surroundings that we can hardly tell where her body begins and ends.

Cecilia Paredes’ works are in many international collections including Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Russia; Museum of Contemporary Art, Panama; and the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design, Costa Rica to name just a few. In 2014, Paredes was awarded the International Award for Artistic Excellence by the Pingyao International Festival of Photography, Shanxi, China.

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## **About Ruiz-Healy Art**

Founded in 2004, and located in the historic Olmos Park District of San Antonio, Ruiz-Healy Art specializes in contemporary and modern art with an emphasis on Latin American and Texas connected artists. To request high-resolution images and more information about the exhibition, please contact the gallery at 210-804-2219. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 -4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

## **About FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA**

FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA International Photography Festival and a unique and eclectic forum for the exhibition and celebration of photography and photography-based art forms. The FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA International Photography Festival is a yearly event that has fostered a tremendous growth in the photographic arts in South Texas.