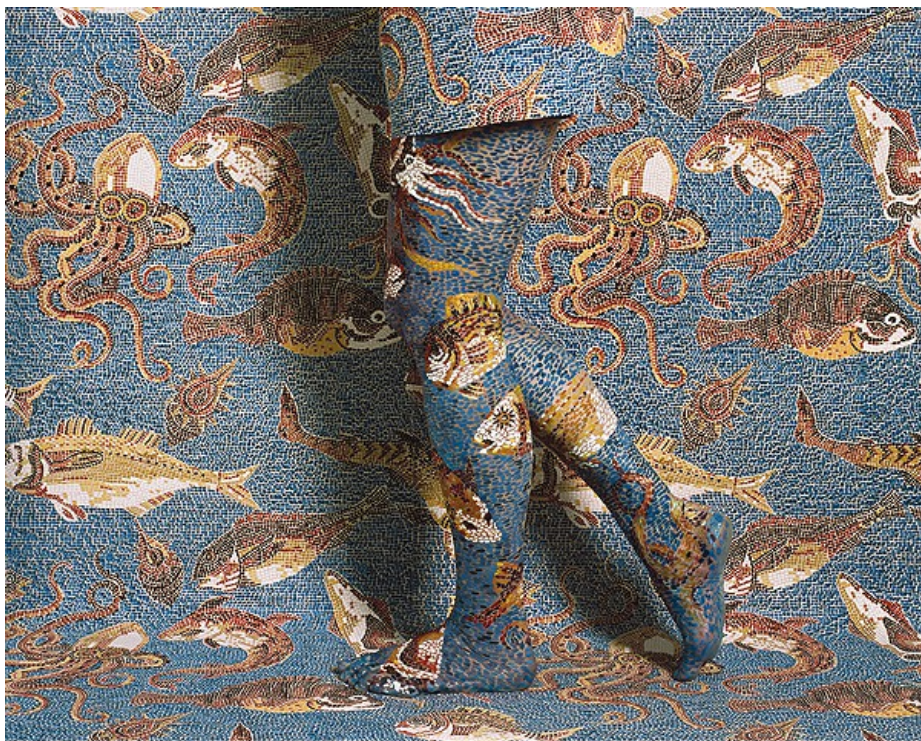


What To See? Where To Go? Our Fotoseptiembre Picks

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CECILIA PAREDES "The Wandering Flight"



Cecilia Paredes, Calabria, 2015
photo performance, 47.5 x 46"

Internationally renowned artist Cecilia Paredes is known for blending in. Using paint and fabric to carefully camouflage her body against wallpaper backdrops, her "photo performances" make the viewer question where identity ends and environment begins.

In "The Wandering Flight," Paredes' photographs tell the tale of a dream of flying; yet, as in her work before, her character's body fades into the surroundings, inhabiting "a perfect symbiotic realm." Born in Lima, Peru, the (currently) Philadelphia-based artist has called many countries home thanks to her marriage to a United Nations officer.

Her work reflects this ever-present sense of relocation: "I would arrive somewhere and then I would have to leave. This was very much the story of my life. You would try to blend in to the landscape and make of yourself this background."

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