



RUIZ-HEALY ART
Latinx, Latin America, & Texas Contemporary Art

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Cecilia Paredes & Chuck Ramirez: Photographing Identity

Opening Reception: Friday, May 3, 6:00-8:30 pm

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74 East 79th Street, 2D, New York City, NY 10075

Ruiz-Healy Art is pleased to announce the opening of its inaugural exhibition space in New York City, a gallery dedicated to presenting multidisciplinary art and public programming by Latinx, Latin American, and Texas-based artists. The gallery's inaugural exhibition, *Cecilia Paredes & Chuck Ramirez: Photographing Identity*, opens May 3 and runs through June 15, 2019.

Patricia Ruiz-Healy, Ph.D. states “we see the gallery's New York City location as an expansion to our current program that will grant us the ability to further engage institutions, art professionals and collectors. We are thrilled to have the ability to continue the gallery's mission of supporting emerging and established artists that predominantly address social issues and identity.”

The opening exhibition features the work of Cecilia Paredes and Chuck Ramirez (1962-2010). Working within issues of identity, both artists use photography to confront fundamental questions regarding the human condition.

As a San Antonio-based artist and graphic designer, Chuck Ramirez processed and deconstructed the media world in which he lived in. Using typography and digital imaging technology, Ramirez isolated and worked to recontextualize familiar objects to explore the transitory nature of human existence. As an HIV positive artist, he addressed contemporary culture as well as margins of American culture, including the Mexican-American and queer experience.

Originally from Lima, Peru, and based in Philadelphia since the early 2000s, Cecilia Paredes combines themes found in nature- origins, camouflage, transformation, and her body- to acquire multiple identities through a blend of sculptural recreations and photography. The artist works on the theme of building her own identification with the part of the world where she lives or where she feels she can call home.



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The new gallery space is in Manhattan's Upper East Side at 74 East 79th Street, 2D. It will be open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 11 AM - 6 PM and by appointment.

About Ruiz-Healy Art

Established in San Antonio, Texas and in operations since 2006, Ruiz-Healy Art specializes in contemporary works of art with an emphasis on Latinx and Latin American artists, as well as working with prominent Texas-based artists. With galleries in San Antonio, Texas and New York City, Ruiz-Healy Art's continuous investments in these underrepresented areas have remained a longstanding signature of the gallery program.

About the Director

Owner and director of the gallery, Patricia Ruiz-Healy holds a Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin with a Doctorate in Latin American Studies and a concentration in Art History. She earned her master's degree in Art History from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is the author of the published book, *Mathias Goeritz*, the subject of her dissertation. Ruiz-Healy currently is Board Chair at Artpace, San Antonio and serves on the board of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.