



RUIZ-HEALY ART

Contemporary Art from Latin America & Texas

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Chuck in Context:
a solo-exhibition of Chuck Ramirez photography
On View September 14 through October 14, 2017
RUIZ-HEALY ART 201-A East Olmos Drive, San Antonio Texas 78212
Opening Reception Friday, September 15, 2017 | 6 - 8pm

Ruiz-Healy Art is pleased to present *Chuck in Context*, a special exhibition, which honors the significant survey of Chuck Ramirez's works opening at the McNay Art Museum, *Chuck Ramirez: All This and Heaven Too*. The exhibits will open concurrently with Ruiz-Healy Art's reception held on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00pm.



A percentage of the sales from *Chuck in Context* will benefit Casa Chuck, a residency program for critics, curators, and writers housed in the artist's former residence. This exhibition is also presented in conjunction with FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA, an International Photography Festival.

As the exclusive representative for the estate of Chuck Ramirez, Ruiz-Healy Art is proud to keep the artist's memory and archives preserved for future generations. This exhibition, *Chuck in Context*, focuses on the text-based works by Ramirez—including the *Words* series, which has never been shown in its entirety previously.

In addition to photography, Ramirez had a strong background in graphic design and was also involved with the world of contemporary poetry, painting and music. Ramirez was a poet at heart and became a word designer. For Ramirez, the visual impact of text was an important part of his oeuvre and it represented another outlet to his creative spirit.

Words, a series Ramirez produced in 2004, are disparate photographs emblazoned with a single word that the photo illustrates. Over lucha libre figurines appears *LIBRE*; a masculine face under a platinum wig is emblazoned with *QUEEN*, a blurred television



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still of the New England Patriots huddled mid-game reads *VIAGRA*. Oh yes, there is one of *CURATORS* too.



Founded in 2004, and located in the historic Olmos Park District of San Antonio, Ruiz-Healy Art specializes in contemporary 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. <http://ruizhealyart.com/chuck-ramirez/>

Chuck in Context will be on view at Ruiz-Healy Art through October 14, 2017.

Chuck Ramirez: All This and Heaven Too, will be on view September 14, 2017 to January 14, 2018 at the McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio, Texas.

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