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(notes on culture)



BY ELAINE WOLFF

**Fotoseptiembre**, the annual celebration of the shutter-driven medium, is out of the gate, with **Bantu-Eyez** already open at the Carver. You know Artifacts' weakness: works that question photography's function and value. This weekend's reception for **John William Keedy** at **Galeria Ortiz Contemporary** (4026 McCullough) should scratch the itch. Keedy grabbed an early 15 minutes of local fame in *Blue Star 23: Playing With Time*; curator David Rubin of SAMA included double self-portraits by the artist, who wrote last week to say that newer work will be on display for his first solo show, including a series "addressing **obsession and stalking**," and portraits of **screams**. 6-8:30 p.m. August 15.

Artifacts is also thrilled that **Southwest School of Art & Craft** is featuring New York-based **Zoë Sheehan Saldaña** for Fotoseptiembre, and the artist will be in town September 12-13 for a talk (free) and a workshop (\$225). Saldaña's past work includes "**shopdropping**," in which the artist replaced mass-produced Wal-Mart fashions with hand-crafted facsimiles, and series of **cross-stitched portraits**. The show opens August 28. Call (210) 224-1848 or visit [swschool.org](http://swschool.org) for info/workshop registration.



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