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Patrick Puckett, Low Places

Wally Workman Gallery, Austin November 4-25



"GRAYTON BEACH" 72 X 72

Patrick Puckett grew up in a log cabin in central Mississippi. His large, bold canvases explore the human figure inspired by his life in the American South and often include symbolic references of both real and imagined nostalgia. However narrative, his works stand ultimately on process and composition. Figures take a quieter place among the interaction of shape, color, texture and Puckett's confident paint application. Artist talk and preview on November 2 at 6:00pm, with an opening reception on November 4 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. www.wallyworkmangallery.com

Chuck Ramirez: All This and Heaven Too

McNay Art Museum, San Antonio September 14 to January 14



CHUCK RAMIREZ, 1964-2010. "DIA DE LOS MUERTOS" FROM "SEVEN DAYS," 2003. DIGITAL PRINT. © ESTATE OF CHUCK RAMIREZ, COURTESY RUIZ-HEALY ART, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Chuck Ramirez's large-scale photographs of everyday objects offer a humorous yet poignant perspective on our culture of consumption and waste, and the reality of fleeting life and mortality. The exhibition — the first major survey of Ramirez's work — is co-organized by René Paul

Barilleaux, the McNay's Head of Curatorial Affairs, "Regardless of subject, Ramirez's images are devoid of human inhabitants yet filled with a deep and palpable humanity. And despite the fact that his career spanned only 15 years, Chuck Ramirez succeeded in establishing for himself a significant place among the canon of Texas artists whose work is known and revered far beyond state lines." www.mcnayart.org

18th Annual Dickens On Main, Boerne

November 24-25



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