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Fellino The Greatest Chicano Revolutionary Filmmaker of All Time, courtesy photo.

For one week the [Atkinson Gallery](#) (Santa Barbara City College, 721 Cliff Dr.) is presenting *Fellino is the Greatest Chicano Revolutionary Filmmaker of All Time*.

The performance features artist Fellino and his muse, La Star, along with hilarious comedy troupe [Chicano Secret Service](#). These are Chicanas and Chicanos that “aspire to subvert cultural oppression by creating Chicana/o Films that will show the world the positive, productive life of the Chicanada en Aztlan.” As Fellino declares, “Chicano Film by any means necessary!”

The pop-up exhibition at the Atkinson Gallery includes both photographs and texts. The reception is on Thursday, August 31 from 6-9 p.m. and features performances by Chicano

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Secret Service, Tia Lucita, Che Castro, and Dr. Saveletodo.

Gallery Hours are Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Another exhibition to look forward to at Atkinson Gallery is [Rafa Esparza](#)'s "for you and the sky." Rafa Esparza's recent installations center largely on hand-making adobe bricks, produced in collaboration with his father in Los Angeles.

The brick-making technique employed by Esparza is used throughout Mexico, and it is the same approach his father used to build his first house in Mexico before immigrating to the United States. The artist first used bricks in the performance, "Casa Adobe," at SOMArts in San Francisco in 2011.



Rafa Esparza, courtesy photo.

Esparza's work with adobe has also been showcased at the Hammer Museum's "[Made in L.A.](#)" exhibition, as well as Hollywood's [LACE](#) gallery, where he created a building inside of a building using 5,000 adobe bricks. Esparza's work examines the different forms of evolution in local and indigenous cultural productions, in relation to narratives of Western art such as histories of sculptural installation.

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Whitney Biennial 2017: Rafa Esparza

His exhibition is on view from October 6-December 1, with the artist reception October 6 from 5-7 p.m. Rafa Esparza is also giving an artist lecture October 25 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information about exhibitions and upcoming events at Atkinson Gallery, visit the website <http://gallery.sbccc.edu> or call 805/897-3484.

—Lohana Richmond

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