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10 Shows to See in Los Angeles This June



Esteban Cabeza de Baca, "Campesinos" (2024), acrylic, bandana fabric, and cochineal on canvas, 72 x 144 inches (photo by Paul Salvesson; courtesy the artist; Parker Gallery, Los Angeles; and Garth Greenan Gallery, New York)

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: *Cesar's Angels*

Esteban Cabeza de Baca's paintings in *Cesar's Angels* are rooted in the Farmworkers' Movement led by Cesar Chavez in California during the 1960s. The artist has a family legacy of protest: his parents were involved with the activism of the Brown Berets and Black Panthers, and his father was Chavez's bodyguard during this period. With a vibrant palette that incorporates cochineal — a red pigment made from ground beetles used for centuries by Indigenous artists in Mexico — and a style that blends Guston-esque figuration with elements of surrealism and social realism, Cabeza de Baca's historical scenes of protest, community, and celebration feel vitally contemporary.

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