Mardi Gras

Zuleyka Vargas Benitez

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Zuleyka Vargas Benitez was born in the Panama Canal Zone in 1951. Her mother Amalia, an important influence in the artist's life and work, was raised in the jungle of Panama, and is writing an autobiography. Zuleyka's father, a native of Puerto Rico, is a retired Army officer. Her photographs, drawings, paintings and prints have been exhibited in more than twenty-five states. A book of her narrative drawings, *Trouble in Paradise*, was published in 1980 by Lost Roads.