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Witte Museum Takes a Trip Back in Time 'For History's Sake'



SAN ANTONIO—The Witte Museum is proud to announce a display of key works from the vast Texas Art Collection with *Art for History's Sake* on view **August 16** through **November 30** in the Piper Memorial Wing. As the title alludes, the exhibit is comprised of art that depicts Texas' history through its changing times and does so by showing Texas life through varied time periods.

Art for History's Sake showcases several different works of Texas art including San Antonio's Main Plaza, depictions of the missions, military scenes, the changing landscape of the city and countryside, as well as selected decorative art. From Theodore Gentilz's European-style influenced depictions of the San Antonio missions to Ida Weisselberg Hadra's paintings of the San Antonio River, this exhibit is full of different scenes and artistic styles.

In 1993, a book devoted to the collection named Art for History's Sake: The Texas Collection of the Witte Museum by Cecilia Steinfeldt was released. In William H. Goetzmann's introduction, he sums up what the collection's purpose is:

“The exhibition of Texas art has not necessarily, or even obviously, been focused on history paintings. Rather, in a more subtle way, it has chronicled San Antonio and Texas history through different scenes, art styles, and insights into its lively, even fantastic, cosmopolitanism...one can see time, and time passing, which is history.”

Art for History’s Sake is free with museum general admission. For more information call 210.357.1900 or visit www.wittmuseum.org.

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