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Witte Museum Celebrates Black History Month

SAN ANTONIO—The Witte Museum is proud to celebrate **February** as **Black History Month** through the culture of Texas zydeco and a quilt depicting slaves following the Underground Railroad.

Extended through **February 24**, *Texas Zydeco* photographically captures the deep roots of zydeco music in Texas. Author **Roger Wood** and photographer **James Fraher** spent years traveling the “zydeco corridor” documenting and photographing the musicians. Experience their journey through this showcase of the most formative players and moments in modern Texas zydeco history.

The Underground Railroad quilt was created by quilters from the University United Methodist Church and two Eastside Churches; St. Paul United Methodist and Antioch Missionary Baptist; in conjunction with the production of a drama based the book, “Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad.” Lynda Ryan, the director of the theatre arts ministry of the University United Methodist Church, spearheaded the writing of the play by a committee of church members. She tackled the project in an effort to open up a dialogue about race reaching beyond the church’s Northwest campus into the larger community. The cast members came from all areas of San Antonio and the play was presented at the Carver Community Cultural Center as well as the University United Methodist Church in October, 2006. The quilt, as well as photographs of the making of the quilt, a process that took several months and was based at the Carver Center, will be on display on the second floor of the Witte during the month of **February**. This quilt is on view in conjunction with the current exhibit *Good Night: Quilted Treasures from the Witte Museum Collection*, on view in the Coates Textiles Gallery through **March 20**. Both Black History Month displays are free with museum admission. For more information call 210.357.1900 or visit www.wittemuseum.org.

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