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# WITTE MUSEUM

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## Witte's Annual Fiesta Exhibition Focuses on the 1920s

**SAN ANTONIO**—In conjunction with San Antonio's most famous 10-day celebration, Fiesta®, the Witte Museum will unveil annual Fiesta exhibition on **April 19, 2007**. *On Parade: Fiesta in the 1920s* highlights a vital decade in Fiesta's history. Free with museum admission.

This year's Fiesta exhibition honors the opening of the Witte Museum in 1926 by featuring Order of the Alamo coronation robes from the 1920s. Highlighted are the royal robes of Edna Steves, Queen of the Court of Birds in 1920, and the basis of the Witte's unique 2007 Fiesta pin. Also on view is the parrot costume worn by Franz Groos as Lord High Chamberlain of the Court of Birds, several other royal robes from the 1920s and the silver lamé tunic and cape worn by Marshall Steves as the queen's page in the Court of Jewels of 1926, the first year the coronation was held in the new Municipal Auditorium.

The Texas Cavaliers organization, also featured, was founded in 1926 by John Carrington to sponsor King Antonio to reign over Fiesta and to preserve the Texas tradition of horsemanship in the automobile age. The current King Antonio, as well as all of the other official royalty for 2007, is represented in the exhibit through photographs and royal clothing.

The Witte's 2007 Fiesta pin is available for purchase in the Museum Store. *On Parade* is on view in the Coates Textile Gallery through **October 7, 2007** and is generously supported by Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, Inc. For more information call 210.357.1900 or visit [www.wittemuseum.org](http://www.wittemuseum.org).

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