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Witte Announces Curator Talk
Images from a New Frontier
Al Rendon and Bruce Shackelford

SAN ANTONIO—Join Witte Museum Brown Foundation Curator, **Bruce Shackelford** and renowned photographer, **Al Rendon** to learn about the culture, identity and pride of those who call South Texas home. *Images from a New Frontier*, held in conjunction with the Witte's new Fotoseptiembre exhibit, *La Cultura Trasciende Fronteras*, is at **3 p.m.** on **September 21** at the Witte Museum. Admission is free for museum members, \$10 for non-museum members and \$5 for students.

La Cultura Trasciende Fronteras: A Personal Portrait of Tejanos and Mexicanos is on view September 20, 2008 through January 25, 2009 and is part of the international photography festival Fotoseptiembre, which is hosted every year in San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country. Photographed by Al Rendon over a span of 20 years, *La Cultura Trasciende Fronteras* features 38 images portraying Mexican-American's expressions of religion, work and art. The subjects of the photographs include everyday people, shop workers, people on the street and parade goers to the luminaries Sandra Cisneros and Teresa & Willie Champion.

Bruce Shackelford, Witte Museum Brown Foundation Curator, has served as curator on many national touring exhibits including *Thundering Hooves: Five Centuries of Horsepower in the American West*, for the Witte Museum. Shackelford is a researcher and writer working on projects dealing with the history of the trans-Mississippi American West and North American Indian art and culture. In addition, Shackelford has made many televised appearances while being an appraiser for 10 seasons on the Antiques Roadshow broadcasted on National Public Television.

Al Rendon is a photographer born and educated in San Antonio, Texas and owns the Rendon Photography & Fine Art Gallery in historic Southtown San Antonio. Rendon's pictures have been published in *People*, *People en Espanol*, *Newsweek* and *USA Today*. In addition to these publications, Rendon has also been

featured in several international exhibits including *An International Book Fair* focused on Mexican American literature and art in Caracas, Venezuela, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy and *On the Trail of the Virgen*, presented by the Smithsonian.

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