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## **Witte Museum Offering Extended Hours To Accommodate Record Body Exhibit Crowds**

**Galleries are open until 8 p.m. every night of Spring Break (through March 23)  
Late night hours continue on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights through May 26**

**San Antonio** – Attendance at the Witte Museum hit record levels Tuesday as visitors lined up for two city blocks, waiting for their opportunity to see the latest blockbuster exhibit.

The popular museum has seen rapid growth in visitation over the past few years, but several elements came together to bring 6,600 visitors in one day.

“Our biggest day of the year is always Free Tuesday during Spring Break,” said Marise McDermott, president and CEO of the Witte Museum. “And this year, it happened while we have our extremely popular exhibit *Our Body: The Universe Within* on display.”

To accommodate the huge numbers of people who want to see *Our Body*, the Witte has extended its hours until 8 p.m. every night during Spring Break (through Sunday, March 23). And late night hours will continue every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night until the *Body* exhibit closes on May 26.

Attendance for *Our Body* has already hit record levels, with 54,000 people seeing that exhibit before Spring Break even started. Due to the extraordinary cost of hosting this exhibit, it carries an unusually high surcharge of \$13 in addition to the museum admission of \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For that reason, many people take advantage of free museum admission on “Free Tuesdays,” paying only the \$13 surcharge.

Those who wish to see the exhibit are also encouraged to make advance reservations, either through Ticketmaster or by calling 210.357.1910. Those with advance tickets can usually enter the gallery within a few minutes of their arrival at the museum, avoiding lines that have been as long as 2 ½ hours.

“The best days for people to visit *Our Body* are Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Those have been the least busy days of the week,” McDermott said.

Overall, attendance at the Witte Museum has been on the rise in recent years. While annual attendance was about 180,000 four years ago, it surpassed 300,000 in 2007.

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