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Witte Museum Presents Fotoseptiembre 2009 Exhibit
Small Town Texas: Photographs by Ricardo Romo

SAN ANTONIO—The **Witte Museum** proudly participates in **Fotoseptiembre 2009** with ***Small Town Texas: Photographs by Ricardo Romo*** on view in the Focus Gallery **August 22** through **October 4, 2009**.

This exhibit examines the historical nature of small towns in Texas through photographs taken by Dr. Ricardo Romo, President of UTSA, which convey the learned observations of a historian. Exhibition curator Arturo Almeida states, “As a dedicated observer of the small communities that dot the Texas horizon, Romo embarked on a photographic journey to more than seventy-five small towns with the goal of documenting the cultural and social features of a fading way of life.” *Small Town Texas* presents poetic landscapes captured in communities including Floresville, Devine, Pearsall, Kingsbury, Cuero, Yoakum and Nixon, exploring the distinct local histories of people and places in Texas.

Dr. Ricardo Romo became the fifth president of The University of Texas at San Antonio in May 1999. A native of San Antonio’s West Side, Dr. Romo graduated from Fox Tech High School and attended The University of Texas at Austin where he received a bachelor of science in education. He holds a master's degree in history from Loyola Marymount University and a Ph.D. in history from UCLA.

Fotoseptiembre is an international photography festival which celebrates photography and photography-based art forms. Since it began in 1996, Fotoseptiembre has sparked a surge in the interest of South Texas photographic arts. People ranging from well established artists to local activists to young amateurs display their work at this festival which has grown to include exhibits not only in San Antonio, but also in Austin, Houston, Boston, New York as well as Mexico City.

Small Town Texas is included with museum general admission. For more information call 210.357.1900 or visit www.wittemuseum.org.

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