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**Discover the Soul of *Texas Zydeco* at the Witte Museum  
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**SAN ANTONIO**—Most people think of Louisiana when they think of zydeco. Author **Roger Wood** and photographer **James Fraher** spent years traveling the “zydeco corridor” discovering this music has deep roots in Texas as well. Experience their journey through *Texas Zydeco*, a photographic exhibit based on their book chronicling their trek, on view in the Focus Gallery at the Witte Museum September 8, 2007 through January 20, 2008, and is free with museum admission.

While interviewing and photographing hundreds of authentic musicians, dancers, club owners and fans, Wood and Fraher discovered zydeco, both historically and today, belongs not to a state but to all the people of the upper Gulf Coast. The music, known as “la-la” music, originated among black Creoles of southwest Louisiana, but the music quickly trickled west where it fused with blues to create a new sound that came to be known, spelled and recorded as "zydeco."

This exhibit showcases how many of the most formative players and moments in modern zydeco history developed in Texas, especially Houston. As many traveled back and forth between Houston and Lafayette, Louisiana, the new sound spread along this corridor that is the musical axis around which zydeco revolves to this day.

Join **Wood** and **Fraher** at **3 p.m.** on **Sunday, September 16** for a first-hand account of their travels. A book-signing will follow the discussion and are available for purchase. Admission to the book-signing and talk is free for museum members, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students.

This exhibit is held in conjunction with **6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Accordion Festival**, in which the Witte Museum is a proud partner. This year's festival, being held October 12-14 at La Villita, features performances, workshops, open mic sessions, accordion jams and dancing. For scheduling and ticket information, visit [www.internationalaccordionfestival.org](http://www.internationalaccordionfestival.org).

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