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Witte Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Critically Acclaimed Classic with *Lonesome Dove: Photographs by Bill Wittliff*

SAN ANTONIO--This year marks the 20th anniversary of the historic television miniseries “Lonesome Dove.” Get a glimpse into the making of this critically acclaimed classic through *Lonesome Dove: Photographs by Bill Wittliff* on view in the Witte’s Piper Memorial Wing **September 19, 2009** through **January 3, 2010**.

The exhibit features more than 60 photographic images taken during filming by Bill Wittliff, the screenwriter of the mini-series based on Larry McMurtry's Pulitzer-Prize winning book. Several props from the show are also on view including the wrapped body of Augustus “Gus” McCrae, as he appeared after his death, and his replica Colt Walker revolver.

The Witte Museum is complementing the exhibit with actual items from the period setting of the book, the 1870s, including a hat, boots and an original Colt Walker civilian model with a holster—the real version of the prop carried by “Gus” in the television series.

An award-winning photographer and screenwriter, Wittliff and his wife Sally are founders of the Wittliff Collections at Texas State University, San Marcos. The collections comprise the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection and the Southwestern Writers Collection, both exploring artistic process as it relates to place.

Lonesome Dove is included with museum admission. For more information call 210.357.1900 or visit www.wittemuseum.org.

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