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## Save The Date! Third Annual San Antonio World Heritage Festival

*Commemorative elements to celebrate San Antonio's Tricentennial*

**SAN ANTONIO (July 24, 2018)** – The World Heritage Festival will mark its 3rd anniversary this fall, Sept. 5-9, 2018. The event was established to commemorate the anniversary of the San Antonio Missions inscription as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. The Alamo and four Spanish colonial Missions are the only World Heritage site in Texas. The festival provides an opportunity for locals and visitors to celebrate San Antonio's unique history, heritage and culture through various family-friendly events.

A full event schedule is available at [www.WorldHeritageFestival.org](http://www.WorldHeritageFestival.org).

"San Antonio's World Heritage Missions are part of what makes San Antonio a global city," Mayor Ron Nirenberg said. "Our World Heritage Missions represent an interweaving of cultures that still exists today. We look forward each year to sharing our unique legacy and heritage with our community through the various World Heritage Festival events."

The five-day festival kicks off at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 with a press conference at The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. The festivities end with a Mass of thanksgiving and celebration at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Mission Concepcion.

"The UNESCO designation of our beloved Missions as a World Heritage Site was a momentous occasion," Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said. "As the first and only World Heritage site in Texas, it's great to see this annual celebration continue to grow over the last few years. I encourage everyone to come out and take pride in this year's World Heritage Festival."

The 2018 World Heritage Festival will feature these events:

### **Wednesday, September 5**

#### **World Heritage Festival Press Conference**

Location: The Alamo - Time: 10 a.m.

### **Thursday, September 6**

#### **Sunset Picnic at Mission San Juan Farm**

Location: 9101 Graf Rd - Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## **Friday, September 7**

### **Restored by Light**

Location: Mission San Jose, 6701 San Jose Drive - Time: 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

## **Saturday, September 8**

### **Tour de las Misiones Bike Ride, Walk & Run**

Location: Mission Park Pavilion, 6030 Padre Drive - Time: 8 a.m.

### **Mission Pachanga**

Location: Mission Park Pavilion, 6030 Padre Drive - Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### **Threads of Time: Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing at the Missions**

Location: Mission Espada, 10040 Espada Rd – Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## **Sunday, September 9**

### **Celebratory Mass**

Location: Mission Concepcion, 807 Mission Rd - Time: 12 p.m.

“The World Heritage Festival is a majestic celebration that brings families and friends together to pay tribute to our San Antonio Missions, the only UNESCO World Heritage site in all of Texas,” District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran said. “Unique events like Restored by Light transport us to a different time, allowing San Antonians to learn from the past and commemorate our rich history.”

The 2018 World Heritage Festival is hosted by the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, the Alamo, San Antonio River Authority, National Park Service and Las Misiones with support from the San Antonio Tricentennial, National Parks Conservation Association, Mission Heritage Partners, Visit San Antonio, the San Antonio Food Bank and Americans Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions.

The proceeds from the events will support non-profit organizations and projects that preserve, maintain, promote and connect the World Heritage Missions with the world.

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### **About the San Antonio Tricentennial:**

*In 2018, San Antonio marks its 300th anniversary: a rare, historic event that will be remembered for generations. The Tricentennial Commission, a public nonprofit, leads the way in celebrating and commemorating our 300 years by developing a year of educational, artistic, and entertaining events. As San Antonio takes the world's stage, key initiatives include: History & Education, Arts & Culture, Community Service, and Commemorative Week. The yearlong commemoration will celebrate our memorable past and propel us into our equally remarkable future. You are invited to join our community and be a part of the next chapter in San Antonio's legendary story. Visit [www.sanantonio300.org](http://www.sanantonio300.org) for more information.*

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