



North America's Oldest Cathedral Sanctuary Welcomes Monumental Video Art Installation, "San Antonio|The Saga"

(San Antonio – March 26, 2014) On June 13, 2014, San Antonio will debut "San Antonio|The Saga," a captivating video art installation on the magnificent façade of San Fernando Cathedral. Created by renowned French Artist, Xavier de Richemont, this 7,000-sq.-ft. projection with custom choreographed music in surround sound will narrate the historical discovery, settlement and development of San Antonio. Now the seventh-largest city in the nation, San Antonio is a pivotal location in the story and identity of the United States and North America.

"San Antonio|The Saga," is going to command attention and welcome the world to visit and experience a historic San Antonio destination, Main Plaza," noted Jane Pauley-Flores, Executive Director of Main Plaza Conservancy.

This 23-minute journey will be renowned painter and video artist Xavier de Richemont's first outdoor video art installation in the United States. His public installations can be seen in France, Germany, Spain, Morocco, Mexico, Canada, and soon, Main Plaza.

"This is more astonishing than I imagined," acclaimed Marise McDermott, President & CEO Witte Museum. "To change the tenor, shape and reality of the façade is amazing. To challenge the understanding of an iconic cathedral into a universe of art is breathtaking."

Originally built between 1738 and 1755, San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest operating sanctuary in North America. It sits in Main Plaza, the heart of historic San Antonio. Main Plaza is the ideal location for this story to be told as it is one of only four colonial plazas left in the United States, and the only one with a cathedral.

"We are very enthusiastic about our involvement in this project with the Main Plaza Conservancy", stated Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. "We gladly bless this effort and give our overwhelming support to San Antonio|The Saga video art installation."

For the next 10 years, this breathtaking artistic representation will become a recurring event on Main Plaza that visitors and residents alike can experience. Opening events are free and open to the public.

When: Friday, June 13, 2014

Time: 7p-11p

Where: Main Plaza, home of San Fernando Cathedral, 115 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205

Hosted by: Main Plaza Conservancy

“San Antonio|The Saga” is presented by Main Plaza Conservancy with the generous support of public and private institutions, individuals and the City of San Antonio. For more information, visit www.mainplaza.org. To learn more about San Antonio’s historic and artistic offerings, explore www.visitsanantonio.com.

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Main Plaza Conservancy, a 501(c)(3)non-profit organization, is dedicated to providing San Antonio and its visitors with the cultural and historical “heart of the city”, bringing an awareness of family and community combined with history and heritage.

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