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Spooky, free fun at the Bullock Museum Oct. 25

Costume parade, performances and storytelling planned at Halloween event

OCTOBER 11, 2013 (AUSTIN, TX) – When darkness falls at the Bullock Museum, history's spookiest stories are brought to light. Discover terror-ific tales of Texas through games, storytelling, costumes and more during Spooktacular on October 25, 2013 from 6 to 9 p.m. Families will enjoy this free event that features kid-friendly, fun-filled Halloween activities for ages five and up, plus free admission to three floors of interactive exhibits.

At Spooktacular, children can discover what life is like for a bat and create their own pet bat to take home; have their faces painted like their favorite Halloween creature; answer spooky trivia; listen to scary stories; and watch terrifying science experiments, courtesy of Girlstart.

Those who wear a costume may join in a parade across the museum, and visitors of all ages will enjoy interactive and entertaining performances for the whole family. Plus, treats and prizes for all who attend.

Take an eerie walk through the Bullock Museum's exhibits and discover the haunting side of history. Travel back to a time when survival was tenuous on sea and shore and view the replica of a skeleton of one of the European sailors aboard the famed *La Belle* ship that wrecked in Matagorda Bay in the 1600s. Explore the Texas Revolution and find wreckage of the famed battle in a re-creation of the iconic Alamo building front. Search out scary reminders of our country's tortured past, such as a pistol found near the skeleton of a man believed to be a Civil War soldier.

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Since 2001, The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin has been engaging audiences to interpret for themselves the continually unfolding "Story of Texas." One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the museum has been visited by over 6 million people coming from every state in the Union and every continent on Earth.

Events such as Spooktacular offer an opportunity for Texas residents and visitors to experience the museum at no charge. For more information about the museum or the 2013 Spooktacular event, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-4649.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the museum has welcomed over 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Bullock Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue, between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus, and are open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.