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Prominent Local History Organizations Join Forces

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On October 1, 2016, two of Houston's most prominent history organizations, The Heritage Society (THS) and Houston Arts and Media (HAM), will merge under The Heritage Society banner. Both organizations are dedicated to celebrating, sharing and preserving Houston's rich historical legacy: The Heritage Society, headquartered in Sam Houston Park, was founded in 1954, while Houston Arts and Media has been active since 2005.

By combining administration, fundraising and outreach efforts, the expanded organization will be able to develop more extensive, ambitious and engaging educational programs, including multimedia projects and exhibits that preserve and celebrate the stories, places and things that make up our local and regional identity.

Alice Collette, THS Executive Director, says to expect exciting new things in the coming months, beginning with an upgrade to the Houston history exhibit in The Heritage Society Museum. Former HAM director Mike Vance will join the staff at THS to continue producing his award-winning documentaries, videos and web content on the history of Texas and Houston. "There is so much more to come", Vance says. "As successful as we've both been in the past, this merger will make us even better. We hope you find this prospect as exciting as we do!"

All involved see this as a winning combination for all those who love the history of Houston and Texas.

About The Heritage Society

The Heritage Society Museum is located at 1100 Bagby Street in Sam Houston Park. Founded in 1954, The Heritage Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to tell the stories of the diverse history of Houston and Texas through collections, exhibits, educational programs, film, video, and other content. The museum and historic buildings are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an admission charge for docent-guided tours of the historic buildings with special rates for seniors, students and children. Museum gallery admission is free. For more information about The Heritage Society, call 713-655-1912. The Heritage Society is funded in part by a grant from the City of Houston through Houston Arts Alliance.

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