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UTSA DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC RECEIVES FIRST KRONKOSKY GRANT

(SAN ANTONIO) – The University of Texas Foundation recently received a Kronkosky Charitable Foundation grant for \$10,000 to benefit the concerts organized by the UTSA Department of Music for the Southwest Guitar Festival (SWGf). Held every two years, the festival attracts renowned classical guitar performers from around the world and has been called one the of the ten best arts events in San Antonio by the San Antonio Express-News. The festival will be held in venues throughout the city from February 7-11, 2007.

"This is the first time we have been chosen by the Kronkosky Foundation and we are so grateful and honored," said Matthew Dunne festival director and UTSA faculty member. "The grant will help UTSA continue to grow the Southwest Guitar Festival which serves a diverse audience from our area, as well as help to bring world class guitarists to our city."

The 2007 Southwest Guitar Festival will feature a performance by renowned Spanish guitarist Pepe Romero in his first San Antonio solo recital in nearly 20 years. Other festival artists include French guitarist Judicaël Perroy, Grammy winners Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and Canadian Jerome Ducharme.

For the 2007 Festival, UTSA's co-sponsors include the Instituto de Mexico, the San Antonio Chamber Music Society and Travis Park United Methodist Church.

The festival will also include an international solo student guitar competition with entrants coming from as far away as Vietnam, a regional high school and college guitar ensemble competition and masterclasses offered by Pepe Romero, Michael Chapdelaine and Judicaël Perroy.

For additional information on the Southwest Guitar Festival or the inaugural Southwest Guitar Festival International Solo Guitar Competition for Students, please visit www.swgf.org.

About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 28,300 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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