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For Immediate Release:

**San Antonio Conservation Society to bring the city's culture alive with  
the 70<sup>th</sup> presentation of "A Night In Old San Antonio"**  
*Festival of food, drink and music celebrates and funds historic preservation*

**CALENDAR ADVISORY:** ["A Night In Old San Antonio"](#) (NIOA<sup>®</sup>) is a four-night festival, Tuesday through Friday, April 24-27, 2018 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the heart of downtown San Antonio that celebrates the city's diverse cultural legacy for more than 85,000 revelers annually during the city's [Fiesta San Antonio](#)<sup>®</sup> celebration. Through the magic of 200-plus food and drink booths; 14 continuous live musical acts; children's games; decorations; souvenirs; and more than 10,000 volunteers, NIOA brings the city's heritage alive in 15 areas. Celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, NIOA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the United States. It is solely produced by and benefits the [San Antonio Conservation Society](#) (one of the nation's oldest and most active historic preservation organizations). Discount tickets and e-tickets available at [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org); children 12 and under are free. Visit [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org), contact (210) 226-5188, email [niosa@niosa.org](mailto:niosa@niosa.org) or follow NIOA on [Facebook](#). NIOA occurs on the grounds of La Villita National Historic District bounded by the San Antonio River and Alamo, Nueva and Presa streets (approximately five acres).

**MORE:** ["A Night In Old San Antonio"](#) celebrates the city's diverse cultural legacy through its 15 cultural areas: Mission Trail (early years of the San Antonio Missions); Arneson Theatre (amphitheater built in 1941 into the natural curve of the city's river bank); China Town; Clown Alley; French Quarter; Froggy Bottom (cultural contributions of African-Americans); Frontier Town; Haymarket (produce and livestock markets near San Fernando Cathedral during the city's Spanish Colonial period); International Walkway (showcases different ethnic groups that developed San Antonio's unique heritage); Irish Flats; Main Street USA; Mexican Market; Sauerkraut Bend; South of the Border (Northern Mexico influences); and Villa España (Spanish and Canary Islanders heritage).

As the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the nation, it lives up to its motto as a "Celebration for Preservation." Funds raised enable the Conservation Society to continue its 94-year mission of preserving historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of Texas and all that is admirably distinctive to the state. Beginning with efforts to prevent historic structures from being razed and to preserve such unique sites as the city's Spanish Colonial missions, the society has been responsible for saving most of the historic attractions that now make San Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in Texas. Out of the roughly \$1.5 million netted annually at NIOA, proceeds support restoration and preservation of historic properties, parks, waterways and tangible cultural heritage of the city and neighboring counties, as well as education and advocacy programs such as the Heritage Education tours, seminars, grants, scholarships, a resource library and its two house museums.

NIOSA chairman Margie Arnold—elected by the Conservation Society in July 2017 as its Fourth Vice President/NIOSA Chairman—volunteers her time all year to plan and coordinate the event, assisted by four NIOSA vice chairmen (Sharon Hearn, Dee Wright, Jana Foreman and Glenda Duffin) and NIOSA treasurer Jackie Fellers (also all volunteers). They oversee the other 10,000 volunteers who contribute more than 74,000 volunteer hours to make NIOSA happen.

Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Discount advance tickets are available at [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org) and at locations around San Antonio as of March 1, 2018. Discount e-tickets also available on NIOSA website.

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2018, for the seventh year in a row, “A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIOSA®) has again earned one of the highest certifications from the City of San Antonio based on its Green Events Ordinance sustainable policies for medium and large-scale events. In 2011, NIOSA earned the “Platinum Status” in the city’s Fiesta Verde program, the first organization in the city to do so.

**MEDIA:** *More comprehensive media materials are available on [NIOSA news page](#). High-resolution photos; recipes; interviews with Margie Arnold; interviews with bilingual spokespersons; media passes; and more detailed entertainment/food schedules are available from Jeanne Albrecht at 210-392-9047 or [jca@jeannebiz.com](mailto:jca@jeannebiz.com).*