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GLO Save Texas History Symposium Reception to Feature Special Guest Ross Bennett, Austin-Based Celebrity Fashion Designer

Event to raise money for program, Symposium takes a look at Austin: In the Shadow of the Dome

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AUSTIN — On Saturday, November 14th, Land Commissioner George P. Bush will be joined by several well-known special guests at the VIP Meet & Greet and Save Texas History Reception at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center to help raise funds for this essential program. One of the special guests joining Commissioner Bush to celebrate the Save Texas History program is Ross Bennett, celebrity fashion designer, owner and designer of the Ross Bennett Collection and star of NBC's "Fashion Star".

WHO: Texas General Land Office, Ross Bennett, Celebrity Fashion Designer, Texas History enthusiasts

WHAT: Save Texas History Reception

WHEN: Saturday, November 14th from 6:30-9:00 pm

WHERE: Texas Capitol Visitors Center, 112 E 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

WHY: To support the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program, and conserve the 36 million documents, and 45,000 maps, sketches and drawing housed in the GLO Archives.

HOW: Register online at www.savetexashistory.org

PRICE: Symposium registration - \$65; Symposium + Reception - \$150; Symposium + VIP Meet & Greet + Reception - \$250

The 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium, In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night will examine the diverse history of Austin in the 19th Century. From the Pig War, to Guy Town, to the Servant Girl Annihilator and the destruction of the State Capitol, this symposium will be a fascinating look at Austin in a new light. Registration is available, starting at \$65 per person at www.savetexashistory.org.

About Ross Bennett:

Ross Bennett was founded in 2008 by Ross and his wife, Erin Bennett. RB is a labor of love with one main goal in mind: to bring classic, custom tailoring back to modern, everyday life by launching a custom clothing line.

Ross has been making custom pieces for men and women all over Texas. His clothes have been featured in fashion shows across the country, including an eight-week installment at the State Fair of Texas; as well as an appearance on NBC's 'Fashion Star' and for the last 2 Formula 1 racing seasons of 2012 and 2013, Ross was the exclusive designer for the Circuit of the Americas Formula One Grid Girls Inaugural Seasons. Also this last October 2013, RB was one of only two featured designers, along with the multi-million dollar Lauren Conrad brand, working with Blue Avocado, an eco-friendly lifestyle and food-on-the-go bag and luggage company. With all of this, he has also been contracted as the head designer for a Women's startup company here in Austin by Lise Lozelle called Maven Fly.

After starring in NBC's Fashion Star along with Jessica Simpson and Elle McPherson, Ross and Erin Bennett propelled their home-based business into a recognizable national brand that has been featured in Macy's and H&M department stores, InStyle Magazine, Rolling Stone Magazine, Women's Health, and numerous fashion shows throughout the country. This exposure has led to the development of several key supplier and manufacturing relationships.

As the business grows, Ross plans on keeping the company local, sharing a personal experience with each client, and producing a private-label business. The main goal is to provide their clients with a classic, versatile sense of style that can be worn for decades. Clothing should be recognized like a piece of art, with each piece having its own story to tell. Ross Bennett brings that individuality to you in each garment he creates.

About Save Texas History:

Save Texas History, a project of the Texas General Land Office, is dedicated to preserving and promoting the historic documents and maps of the General Land Office Archives, serving as a teaching resource for Texas History education, and serving as a resource for digitizing Texas History.

This is the 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium. This year, the theme is Austin in the 19th Century. Speakers include Dr. David B. Gracy II, Dr. Andres and Juanita Tijerina, James L. Haley, Lt. (Ret) Doug Dukes, Richard Zelade, Jeff Kerr, Ali James, Teri E. Flack, Dr. Bruce Ellis, Buck Cole and Kevin Klaus.

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