Press Release – Wednesday, November 20, 2019

From: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum

RE: celebrated at the Museum from 11am-4pm. Admission to this event is free to the public.

The world's first electric guitar performances were held in Wichita in October of 1932. The Museum celebrates this historic fact with special activities and the exhibit of the earliest production Electric Guitar, a 1932 "ELECTRO" Spanish Guitar.

This instrument was discovered locally and is one of only 5 known from the first production run of the company now known as Rickenbacker International. It was discovered locally and is presumed to have been one owned by orchestra leader Gage Brewer. It has been donated to the Museum's permanent collection.

The Museum is recognized as one of America's finest museums of local history. It celebrates its 80th anniversary this year and has occupied the Original Wichita City Hall building since 1980.

Submitted by: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum

For more information:

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The Historical Museum is supported in part by The City of Wichita & The Sedgwick County Kansas Board of Commissioners.

OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.