

**Press Release  
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**Special Exhibit:     The Gage Brewer Guitar – “the first electric guitar”  
                              On Special Exhibit Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the year.**

Experts have agreed that the Gage Brewer Guitar “may well be the most historically important guitar ever made . . . it is the first modern electric guitar.” The instrument is a 1932 Ro-Pat-In (Rickenbacker) electric Spanish guitar. This remarkable instrument made its world-wide public debut 81 years ago after being brought to Wichita from Los Angeles by guitarist and band leader Gage Brewer.

The “Brewer Guitar” returned to Wichita recently from Indianapolis’ Eiteljorg Museum’s exhibit “Guitars - Roundups to Rockers” and will be on exhibit beginning Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the year at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Negotiations are underway to add this important artifact to the Museum’s permanent collection. The Guitar is featured in the “Spirit of Wichita Exhibit” on the Museum’s 4<sup>th</sup> floor along with other artifacts that tell the local history story in the period spanning 1912 – 1939.

**Photos of this artifact are attached.**

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**Regular Museum Hours:** Tues. – Fri. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat. & Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Regular Admission Charge:** Adults \$ 5.00, Children under 12 years \$ 2.00; under 6 free

The Museum is supported in part through funding by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.

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