THE Spirit OF Place

THE WITTLIFF COLLECTIONS
SILVER ANNIVERSARY GALA

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It is this sense of fealty and deep meaning that drives the mission of the Wittliff Collections to preserve the creative expressions that connect us to our roots. This authenticity shapes the vision to build world-class collections representing the cultural heritage of the Southwest and its legacy in the wider world. Thank you for joining the growing number of people committed to preserving the photographic and literary arts of our region, committed to keeping the "spirit of place" alive.



JP FOR BID: Chet Bartlett, Buckaroo, Elko, Nevada by Robb Kendrick

Instructing * Illuminating * Inspiring

The Wittliff's Southwestern Writers Collection, founded in 1986 at Texas State University-San Marcos, houses and exhibits the papers and artifacts of our region's principal writers, filmmakers, and musicians—one of the first such archives to begin collecting primarily the papers of living artists. The Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection, added in 1996, is a creative center, exhibition space, and growing photography repository with over 18,000 images—including one of the most significant holdings of contemporary Mexican photography in the U.S.



UP FOR BID: Crossing the Rio Grande by Bill Wittliff, from the film set of Lonesome Dove

From the very beginning, the idea was that this be a place of preservation—but also, and maybe most importantly, that it be a place of inspiration as well, a place where those with the itch to create but maybe not yet the courage could see by example how others before them had struggled to find their own true expression.

- BILL WITTLIFF, on the founding of the Collections

UP FOR BID: Day Lily (Lilium, Oriental Hybrid) by Kate Breakey





...marking the 25TH ANNIVERSARY of THE WITTLIFF COLLECTIONS housed at Texas State University-San Marcos

...and honoring the vision and creativity of founders BILL & SALLY WITTLIFF and very special guest SAM SHEPARD

Sunday, November 13, 2011

THE SPIRIT OF PLACE PROGRAM

- * Opening remarks by Gala Committee Co-Chair, DAN BULLOCK
- * JAKE SILVERSTEIN introduces emcee, WILLIAM BROYLES, JR.

Dinner & Silent Auction Bidding Slide Show: Images from the Wittliff Collections

- * Remarks by Texas State President DR. DENISE TRAUTH

 & Wittliff Collections Director DR. DAVID COLEMAN
- * SAM SHEPARD reads from his own work
- * G.W. BAILEY reads from the work of EDWIN "BUD" SHRAKE

Short Video Presentation

- * A few words from BILL WITTLIFF
- * Music by JERRY JEFF WALKER
- * Final remarks by WILLIAM BROYLES, JR.

Auction closes 15 minutes after program ends

Funds raised this evening will be used to support the Wittliff's core activity: the acquisition of major collections of our cultural heritage—the books, manuscripts, screenplays, recordings, films, and photographs of our region's artistic visionaries. Thank you!

READINGS & PERFORMANCES BY

Sam Shepard is an actor, director, screenwriter, musician, and—as a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama-is considered one of America's greatest living playwrights. Among his many film credits are roles in The Right Stuff, Steel Magnolias, and Raggedy Man and Country, both written by Bill Wittliff. The extensive archive materials Shepard gifted to the Collections are notable for the annotated drafts of his plays, short stories, novels, films, and critical reviews, as well as his journals that meticulously illustrate the arc of his creative process. The Sam Shepard/Johnny Dark Collection includes nearly 300 letters, hundreds of photographs, taped conversations, and a homemade film, all documenting the decades-long friendship between Shepard and Dark, his former father-in-law. A book of their correspondence is forthcoming from UT Press in the Wittliff's Southwestern Writers Collection Series.

G.W. Bailey is an American stage, television, and film actor currently starring as Lt. Provenza in the hit TNT series The Closer. Bailey is also well known for his roles as Staff Set. Rizzo in the M*A*S*H television series and as Capt. Harris in the Police Academy films. A Texas State Alumnus, Bailey has dedicated 20+ years to helping children with cancer through the SUNSHINE KIDS FOUNDATION, of which he is now executive director, EDWIN "BUD" SHRAKE (1931-2009) began his career in newspapers, then wrote for Sports Illustrated for 15 years. Also a novelist, screenwriter, and biographer, Shrake's most famous work, Harvey Penick's Little Red Book on golf, co-written with Penick, is the best-selling sports book in American history. Shrake's major archive resides at the Wittliff Collections as his gift.

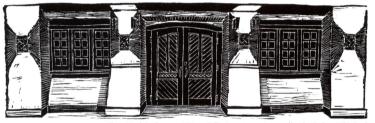
Terry Jeff Walker, a renowned singer-songwriter with more than 30 albums to his name. is best known for his hit "Mr. Bojangles" and album ¡Viva Terlingua!, recorded live in Luckenbach with the Lost Gonzo Band. After living a true troubadour's life. Walker moved to Austin, Texas, in the early '70s and reinvented himself as a country-rocker. He became, along with Willie Nelson and Asleep At The Wheel, part of the bedrock of the now world-famous Austin musical community. The Wittliff Collections house his gift of handwritten lyrics and chord notations to his 1970s classic "Charlie Dunn," inspired by the bootmaker who worked at Capital Saddlery in Austin for 50 years. Walker also donated his first pair of lizard-skin boots custom made for him by Dunn with his initials on each front shaft.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

William Broyles, Jr. is an A-list Hollywood screenwriter and also an important part of Texas literary history. In 1973, at age 27, he was made founding editor of Texas Monthly, which, under his direction, won a National Magazine Award for General Excellence in its first yearan unprecedented achievement. Broyles then became editor of Newsweek and went on to television, creating the Emmy-winning series China Beach in the '80s. In 1984, he was one of the first veterans to return to Viet Nam, and his book Brothers in Arms: A Journey from War to Peace recounts his visit. In the '90s, Broyles began writing screenplays. His credits include Apollo 13 (which earned him and co-writer Al Reinert an Academy Award nomination), Cast Away, The Polar Express, Jarhead, and Flags of Our Fathers. A major donor to the Wittliff, Broyles' archive covers every aspect of his storied career.

Bill Wittliff

is a distinguished writer, film producer, and photographer whose images have been exhibited in the United States and abroad, and published in three monographs with the University of Texas Press—Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy (2004); La Vida Brinca: Tragaluz Photographs (2006); and A Book of Photographs from Lonesome Dove (2007). His work has also appeared in numerous catalogs, books, and periodicals. Cofounder, with his wife, Sally, of the highly regarded Encino Press, Bill is a past president and Fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters and a recipient of major awards for writing, filmmaking, and book design. As a screenwriter and producer, his credits include The Black Stallion, Legends of the Fall, The Perfect Storm, and Lonesome Dove, among others.



The original Southwestern Writers Collection entrance, in a woodcut by Barbara Whitehead

Sally Wittliff

is an Austin attorney with a general practice. She is a member of Inns of Court and a Fellow of the Texas State Bar and Austin Bar Associations. She is a former secondary mathematics teacher, Chairman of the City of Austin Urban Transportation Commission, and board member of many civic organizations, including KLRU Public Television, Safe Place, and the Austin Museum of Art. Cofounder, with her husband, Bill, of Austin's Encino Press, Sally is also the business manager of Pangaea, Inc., an Austin film production company, and of Wittliff Properties. The Wittliffs have two grown children and four grandchildren, and live in Austin, Texas.

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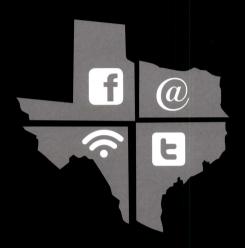
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To the staff of the Wittliff Collections:

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We thank you:

From our table to all of you, we send warm, congratulatory hugs in appreciation,

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You're never going to see the truth. It's what you're shooting for always, and you always miss it. Every once in awhile, you catch an edge of it. That's what you hope for, I think, as an artist.

- SAM SHEPARD



UP FOR BID: J. Frank Dobie photogravure by Tom Lea

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The Keystone

After her husband's death, Bertha Dobie gave Bill Wittliff a keystone, carved with a large star, that author and folklorist J. Frank Dobie had saved from one of the arches of the old Bee County courthouse and kept at his Paisano ranch for many years. The Dobie papers and artifacts Bill and Sally Wittliff donated to Texas State University in 1986 are the genesis and heart of the Collections, and Bill asked that Dobie's keystone be set into the wall over the fireplace in the Southwestern Writers exhibition room at the university's Alkek Library. The keystone's rustic beauty and metaphoric significance as the central element that ensures the stability of the arch itself make it a natural choice as the symbol that joins the Southwestern Writers Collection and Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection into the Wittliff Collections.



UP FOR BID: Piés de ángel / Angel Feet by Mariana Yampolsky



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