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The San Antonio Public Library Foundation presents

**Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight!***

Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University, San Antonio

Convenient Free Parking

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – Emmy and Tony Award – winning actor **Hal Holbrook** will perform his iconic one-man production *Mark Twain Tonight!* at Laurie Auditorium on November 6, 2011. ARTS San Antonio and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation will present this performance at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$20 and may be purchased at **[Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com)**, by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000, at the Laurie Auditorium Box Office (210) 998-8117 or at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Hal Holbrook is best known for his interpretation of Mark Twain, for which he won a Tony and the first of his twelve Emmy Award nominations. He graduated from the Culver Academies and Denison University, where an honors project about Twain led him to develop the one-man show. Holbrook's first solo performance as Twain took place at Lock Haven State Teachers College in Pennsylvania in 1954 where Ed Sullivan saw him. Sullivan gave Holbrook his first national exposure on his February 12, 1956 show.

*Mark Twain Tonight!* is perhaps the longest-running show in the history of United States theater. Holbrook adds to his *Twain* interpretation every year, editing and changing to fit the times. After more than 2,000 shows, mostly one-nighters, he has unearthed more than twelve hours of the humorist's material and continues to discover new and timely topics.

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In 1967, *Mark Twain Tonight!* was presented on television for the first time by CBS, earned Holbrook an Emmy Award and was seen by an audience of 22 million. Holbrook's *Twain* first played on Broadway in 1966. He earned a Tony Award for his performance. Holbrook was 80 years old during his most recent Broadway run, older, for the first time, than the character he was portraying.

*The New York Times* says, "Mr. Holbrook's material is uproarious. His ability to hold an audience by acting is brilliant." Holbrook is a stage and film star and his recent film credits include his appearance in Sean Penn's critically acclaimed film *Into the Wild*, released in 2007. Holbrook earned an Oscar nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role at the 80<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards, making Holbrook, at age 82, the oldest nominee in Academy Award history in the Best Supporting Actor category. Holbrook's latest film is *Water for Elephants* released in 2011.

This performance is part of ARTS San Antonio's Whole Enchilada and Variety performance series available for purchase through ARTS San Antonio. Ticket prices are \$60, \$48, \$34, and \$20. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), by calling (800) 745-3000, at the Laurie Auditorium Box Office (210) 999-8119, 715 Stadium Drive and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information about the performance or to purchase season or series tickets, Call ARTS SA at (210) 226-2891, visit the Majestic Theatre Tower Suite 400, 222 East Houston Street, or visit [ArtsSA.org](http://ArtsSA.org).

The San Antonio Public Library Foundation supports the Public Library, and increases awareness and use of the Library through financial support and program development. Every effort is made to enhance the community's perception, appreciation and utilization of the Library, and represent it as a culture and education institution. For more information, visit [saplf.org](http://saplf.org).

ARTS San Antonio is a leading non-profit presenter of performing arts in the South Texas region. ARTS San Antonio performances are supported by the San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs, San Antonio Express-News, Texas Commission on the Arts and the Fund. ARTS SA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the education, enrichment and entertainment of the people, especially the children, of greater San Antonio. Net proceeds from these performances make possible performing arts and ARTsTEach arts education classroom workshops in area elementary schools.

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