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# MEET OUR ENTERTAINMENT

"KSON Flat Bed Band" from San Diego This is their 3rd performance for Western Walk of Fame and a real favorite— (formerly billed as the KCBQ Country Flatbed Band)

> "The L.A. Dogs Blue Grass Band" Manager-Dr. Rodger Phillips

> > "Son of the Rifleman Band" featuring Jeff Connors on of film star Chuck Connors

Wind River Cloggers'' directed by Skip Newhall

"The New Haulers" Square Dance Team

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PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Johnny Grant, KTLA Channel

INVOCATION Rev. William "Bill" Hilton and INDIAN PRAYER Iron Eyes Cody

WELCOME Mike Antonovich Honorary Chairman Western Walk of Fame 1987 Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS Eddie Dean Clayton Moore Tom Corrigan Cliffie Stone

**1987 WESTERN WALK OF FAME AWARD PRESENTATIONS** 

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NEWHALL'S WESTERN WALK OF FAME HOW IT ALL BEGAN -----

The original idea for a Western Walk of Fame came as a suggestion from Milt Diamond, pioneer, retired western clothing retailer who was President of the Newhall Merchant's Association in 1976. He continued his pursuit to the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce. In 1981, Mr. Diamond realized his dream come true when the first "Western Walk of Fame" honored Wm. S. Hart, Tom Mix and Gene Autry as the first recipients of the coveted award.

The entire program was conceived as a tribute to the western artists who contributed to the Santa Clarita Valley's and the nation's heritage since 1876 when the town of Newhall was founded.

Now, in its sixth year, it has given bronze immortality to well known western greats Gene Autry, Wm. S. Hart, Tom Mix, Tex Ritter, Rex Allen, Eddie Dean, Pat Buttram, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Andy Jauregui, Tex Williams, Claude Akins, John Wayne, Clayton Moore, Robert Conrad, Dennis Weaver, Clint Walker, Iron Eyes Cody, Monte Hale and Chuck Connors. On August 22nd Amanda Blake, Ben Johnson and Harry Carey, Sr. (in memoriam), will be added to the prestigious path of bronze and terrazzo tile "saddle" plaques. These can be viewed on San Fernando Road (5th Street to Lyons Avenue) in downtown Newhall.

# 1987 WALK OF FAME HONOREE AMANDA BLAKE

Not only is Amanda Blake the well known "Miss Kitty" from the famed Gunsmoke series she is also a long time animal lover and advocate for animal protection.

Animal protection and preservation has always been of great interest to Miss Blake, so much so, that she is known and respected world wide for her efforts in support of these causes.

In the United States, she serves on the Board of Humane Society of the U.S., is a trustee of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, a member of the Phoenix Zoo Women's Auxilliary and participates in the Actors and Others for Animals organization headed by Earl Holliman. Although she now makes her home in the Los Angeles area, she spends a great deal of time travelling and makes an annual safari to Kenya, Africa.

Miss Blake's professional career has crossed many eras in Hollywood. Known to millions as "Miss Kitty Russell," a role she portrayed for almost 20 years in the popular "Gunsmoke" series, Amanda showed America the strength and fortitude of the women of the west. She was a female entrepreneur long before the ERA.

She's also starred in many films and television movies and in 1968 became the first woman to be inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame at Oklahoma City. She is also the second woman to be placed in Newhall's Western Walk of Fame next to Dale Evans who won the Award in 1983.

Since successful surgery in 1977 to remove a malignant tumor from her mouth, Miss Blake has been an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society and has held the position of National Chairman of Crusade for two years. In April 1984, she received the American Cancer Society Courage Award from President Reagan at a White House Ceremony. Santa Clarita is proud to welcome Amanda Blake into its Western Walk of Fame along with Ben Johnson and Harry Carey, Sr. (in memoriam) on August 22nd when the program marks its sixth anniversary.

## 1987 WALK OF FAME HONOREE BEN JOHNSON

Ben Johnson exudes true western charm and can keep a crowd literally spellbound with his storytelling genius. He's also a highly respected professional throughout the motion picture industry and holds world champion awards for steer roping.

Born Ben Johnson, Jr., the son of a World Champion Steer Roper, he lived in Pawhuska, Oklahoma until 1940 when Howard Hughes had him bring Palomino horses out to Arizona for the filming of the

movie "The Outlaw" starring Jane Russell. Ben was working on "The Outlaw" location in Arizona when he met his wife Carol, the daughter of Fat Jones who supplied the wagons and the horses for many of the early Westerns.

In his early days in Hollywood, Ben worked as a stuntman doubling for actors such as John Wayne, Joel McCrae, Wild Bill Elliot, and Randolph Scott. Before Ben became a well-known actor he worked in many facets of the movie industry from driver to stuntman to wrangler to stand-in to star.

He got his first part as an actor when his skill as a horseman and quick thinking avoided a major accident with a team of horses and a wagon. John Ford was so impressed with Ben's ability that he asked him if he could act. Ben said no, but he could try. John Ford gave him his first part in a movie called "Mighty Joe Young" with Terry Moore.

Ben Johnson has played in well over 300 pictures and won the Academy Award for best-supporting actor for his role as the slow-talking, earthy, small-town Texas character, Sam the Lion, in Peter Bogdanovich's "The Last Picture Show,"

Though his Hollywood career keeps him busy, Ben has always managed to squeeze in time for horses. Ben often works the rodeo circuit roping steers. In 1953, he followed in his father's footsteps by becoming the World Champion Steer Roper for that year. And after receiving two Cowboy Hall of Fame Awards, the Buffalo Bill Award and the Cowboy Hall of Champions Award, Ben was inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1982.

He has been involved in many charities including a yearly charity rodeo, named after his father, in his hometown of Pawhuska, which benefits the Cancer Fund. Ben also teaches young children how to carry on the old Western tradition of cattle roping. He has taught many of his neighborhood children and former President Gerald Ford's son, Steve Ford, how to rope cattle.

Ben Johnson maintains a ranch in Montana, one in Oklahoma and a building and development business in Westlake Village, California where he lives with his wife Carol.

### 1987 WALK OF FAME HONOREE HARRY CAREY, SR. (In Memoriam)

#### CAREY, HARRY

Born: Jan. 16, 1878, New York, N.Y. Died: Sept. 21, 1947, Brentwood, Calif. (coronary thrombosis). Screen, stage actor and playwright. Father of actor Harry Carey, Jr. Married to actress Olive Golden. Nominated for 1939 Acadamy Award for Best Supporting Actor in Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Appeared in: 1912 An Unseen Enemy; The Musketeers of Pig Alley; In the Aisles of the Wild; Friends; Heredity; the Informer; The Unwelcome Guest; An Adventure in the Autumn Woods. 1913 Love in an Apartment Hotel; Broken Ways; The Sheriff's Baby; The Ranchero's Revenge; The Left Handed Man; The Hero of Little Italy; Olaf—An Atom; Judith of Bethulia. 1915 Graft (serial). 1917 Straight Shooting, 1919 The Outcasts of Poker Flat; The Blind Husband, 1921 Freeze-Out; Hearts Up; If Only Jim; Sundown Slim; The Wallop; West Is West; The Fox; Desperate Trails. 1922 Man to Man; Good Men and True; Kickback. 1923 Canyon of the Fools; Crashin' Thru; Desert Driven; Miracle Baby. 1924 The Lightning Rider; The Night Hawk; The Man from Texas; Tiger Thompson; Roaring Rails; The Flaming Forties. 1925 Beyond the Border; Soft Shoes; The Texas Trail; Silent Sanderson; Bad Lands; The Prairie Pirate; The Man From Red Gulch; Wanderer. 1926 The Frontier Trail; Satan Town' Driftin' Thru; The Seventh Bandit. 1927 Slide, Kelly, Slide; A Little Journey. 1928 Trail of '98; The Border Patrol: Burning Bridges. 1931 Cavalier of the West; Trader Horn; Bad Company; The Vanishing Legion (serial); Across the Line; Double Sixes; Horsehoofs; The Hurricane Rider; Border Devils. 1932 Without Honor; Law and Order; The Devil Horse (serial); Last of the Mohicans (serial); Night Rider. 1933 Man of the Forest: Sunset Pass. 1934 Thundering Herd. 1935 Rustler's Paradise: Powdersmoke Range; Barbary Coast; The Last of the Clintons; Wild Mustang; The Last Outpost; Wagon Trail. 1936 The Last Outlaw; The Prisoner of Shark Island; Little Miss Nobody; Sutter's Gold; Valiant Is the Word for Carrie; The Accusing Finger; The Three Mesquiteers; The Man Behind the Mask; Ghost Town, 1937 Kid Galahad: Born Reckless: Souls at Sea: Border Cafe: Annapolis Salute; Danger Patrol; Aces Wild. 1938 The Port of Missing Girls; You and Me; King of Alcatraz; Sky Giant; The Law West of Tombstone; Gateway. 1939 Burn 'Em Up O'Connor; Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Street of Missing Men; Inside Information; Code of the Streets. 1940 They Knew What They Wanted; My Son Is Guilty; Outside the 3-Mile Limit; Beyond Tomorrow. 1941 Shepherd of the Hills; Sundown; Among the Living; Parachute Battalion. 1942 The Spoilers. 1943 Air Force: Happy Land. 1944 The Great Moment. 1945 China's Little Devils. 1946 Duel in the Sun. 1947 Sea of Grass; The Angel and the Badman. 1948 So Dear To My Heart; Red River.

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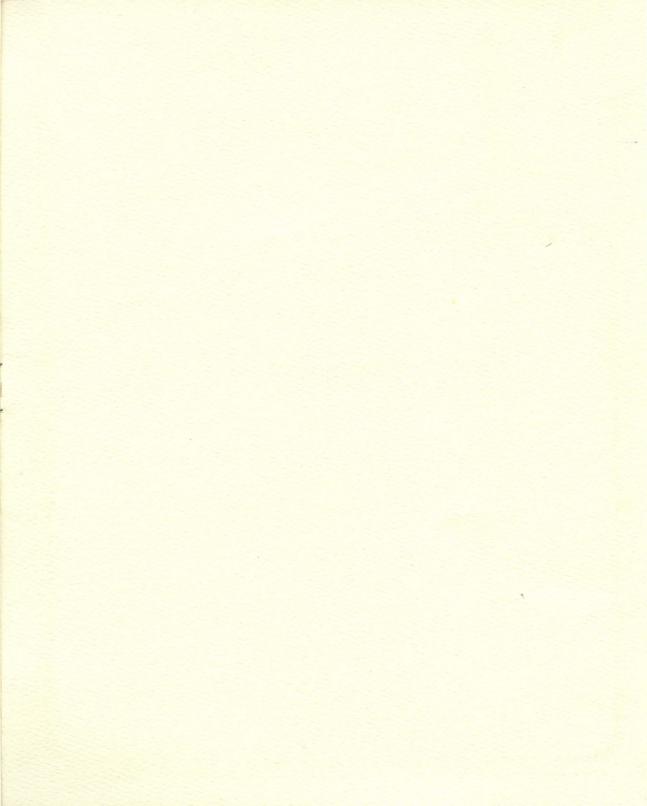
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Doors Open 6:00 p.m.