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Celebrate Wilmington! to Honor Pat Hingle, Legendary Stage and Screen Actor

WILMINGTON, N.C. – *Celebrate Wilmington! Inc.* will dedicate a star on the city's Walk of Fame to legendary stage and screen actor Pat Hingle. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Nov. 1, in downtown Wilmington at the Walk of Fame Plaza on Water Street at the Cotton Exchange.

Mr. Hingle began his professional acting career in March 1950. He has appeared in critically and commercially successful films and plays as well as numerous series, specials and movies. Some of his screen credits include: "Splendor in the Grass," "Hang 'Em High," "The Falcon and the Snowman," "Norma Rae," "Sudden Impact," "The Quick and the Dead," four "Batman" films and "Road to Redemption" as well as "Maximum Overdrive" and "Muppets from Space," which were filmed in Wilmington by EUE/Screen Gems studios.

On TV, Mr. Hingle has portrayed characters in "Dawson's Creek," "Matlock," "Touched by an Angel," "American Gothic," "Murder She Wrote" and many other shows. His stage career includes 24 plays on Broadway. Among those are "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Price," "That Championship Season," "JB," "The Odd Couple," "A Life," "1776" and "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs," for which he was nominated for a Tony Award. He was seen at Thalian Hall in a one-man show portraying Thomas Alva Edison as well as Grandpa in "You Can't Take it with You" and, most recently, as Morrie in "Tuesdays with Morrie."

Mr. Hingle has played command performances for the White House during the Johnson years and for the Library of Congress during the Reagan years. Mr. Hingle and his wife Julia reside in Carolina Beach.

Celebrate Wilmington! Inc., a non-profit organization managed by a volunteer board, adopted the Walk of Fame as a way to recognize people who have lived in the Cape Fear region and who have obtained national and international fame in their respective fields. Visit www.celebratewilmington.org for more information.

The Walk of Fame is a prestigious, permanent record of notables with regional connections, including Roman Gabriel, Minnie Evans, Hugh Morton, Henry Bacon, Frank Capra Jr. Caterina Jarboro, Robert Ruark Jr., Althea Gibson, David Brinkley,

Charlie Daniels, Percy Heath, Claude Howell, Isaac B. Grainger, Sonny Jurgenson, Don Payne, Meadowlark Lemon and James Goodnight.

“I appreciate this honor from Celebrate Wilmington,” Mr. Hingle said. “I have enjoyed living and working in the Cape Fear area, and I’m proud to contribute to Wilmington’s national reputation as an outstanding location for film and television productions.”

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