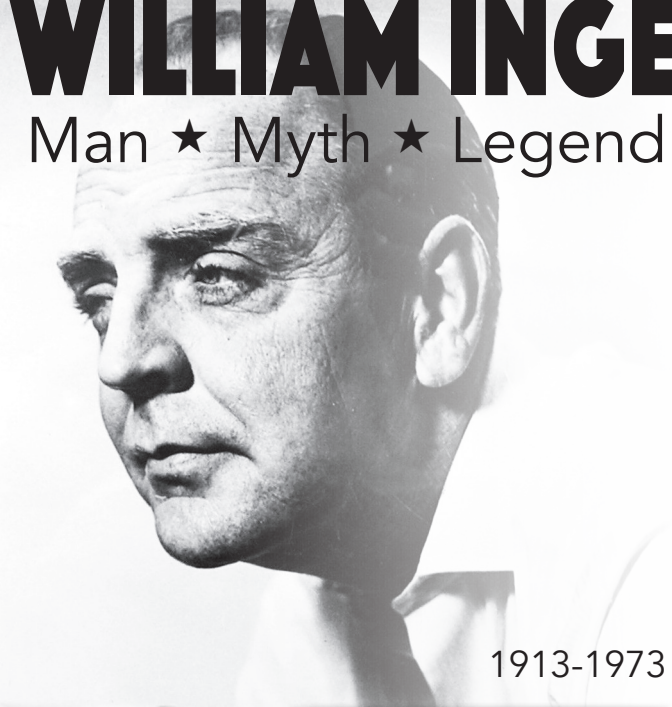


WILLIAM INGE

Man ★ Myth ★ Legend



1913-1973



If the name William Inge doesn't ring a bell, maybe you've heard of some of his creative works or the stars who played roles in his productions. A native of Independence, Kansas, William Inge was an award-winning playwright whose credits include a Pulitzer Prize and an Academy Award.



One of Independence's most famous citizens, our community college theater, performing arts department and a nationally known playwright festival are named in his honor. For nearly four decades, the springtime William Inge Festival has drawn some of the most renowned actors and writers from Hollywood to Broadway and all points in between.



Inge accepting his 1961 Oscar with writer/producer Abby Mann, actress Lee Remick and actor Jack Lemmon.

Inge's most notable works:

★ *Picnic* - Inge won the Pulitzer Prize. The 1955 movie version stars William Holden and Kim Novak.

★ *Bus Stop* - The movie stars Marilyn Monroe.

★ *Splendor in the Grass* - Inge won a 1961 Academy Award for Best Screenplay.

★ *Come Back Little Sheba* - Stars Shirley Booth and Burt Lancaster

★ *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs* - Stars Robert Preston, Shirley Knight and Angela Lansbury



Inge's boyhood home at 514 N. 4th has been preserved by the William Inge Center for the Arts and hosts guests for community gatherings, Inge Festival activities and a "playwright in residence" program.



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