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'Buffalo Symphony' a unique Texas experience

Texas actor Barry Corbin to narrate Lone Star story during symphonic journey

April 26, 2013 (Austin, TX) - What do an ancient archeological site, a Lone Star symphony and Texas actor Barry Corbin have in common? They are the elements of a one-of-a-kind Texas experience in music and words that comes to the Bullock Texas State History Museum June 2.

Buffalo Altar; A Texas Symphony is a collaboration between composer J. Todd Frazier and writer Stephen Harrigan and was commissioned by The Institute of American Music of The Eastman School of Music and The University of Texas at Austin as a unique musical piece dedicated to the Lone Star state.

Avoiding the pitfalls of producing a stodgy musical documentary, Frazier and Harrigan opted for a symphony that was alive, contemporary and inextricably tied to Texas' rich and complex history. The short story, *Buffalo Altar*, written by Harrigan, is based on an archaeological discovery of bison bones from a hunt at Caprock Canyons State Park, near Canyon, Texas, which revealed evidence of the Folsom culture, dating signs of civilized life in Texas to over 10,000 years ago.

The story is told through the voice of a representative Texan, an 81-year old oilman portrayed in narration by actor and Texas native Barry Corbin. Known for his roles in *Urban Cowboy* and *Northern Exposure*, Corbin brings to life the oil man's reminiscences of a long-ago morning in a West Texas canyon that changed his life and archeological history.

The June 2 performance of *Buffalo Altar; A Texas Symphony* at the Bullock Museum will feature Corbin as narrator, Marc Sanders on piano, and Charles Robitaille playing percussion. The performance will be followed by a conversation moderated by Don Carlton, director of the Briscoe Center for American History, and Corbin, Harrigan and Frazier on the creation and future of the piece.

Tickets for the symphonic performance are \$45 for Bullock Museum members and \$50 for non-members. For more information or to reserve a seat, call (512) 936-4649.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has welcomed more than 5 million visitors from all around the world since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located in downtown Austin at 1800 N. Congress Ave. at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus. Admission fees for entrance to museum exhibitions are: \$9 for adults; \$8 for college students (with valid ID); \$7 for seniors/military (with valid ID); \$6 for youth ages 4-17, free for ages 3 and under. Museum members may visit for free. For more, visit www.thestoryoftexas.com or call (512)936-8746.