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**“WILL ROGERS, NOW!” SPONSORED BY HIWAN HOMESTEAD MUSEUM AT CENTER STAGE**

Hiwan Homestead Museum and the Jefferson County Historical Society are excited to announce that Chicago actor Lance Brown will present his inspirational and humorous address "Will Rogers, Now!" on Saturday April 4, 2009 at 1:00 PM at Center Stage, located at 27608 Fireweed Drive in Evergreen. There is a requested donation of \$10 per person; pre-registration and tickets are required as there is limited seating. Please call Hiwan Homestead Museum at 720-497-7650 for tickets and information.

Will Rogers was born on November 4, 1879, in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). His diverse talents and humanitarian work kept him in the public eye most of his life. He wrote a column for the New York Times, was a radio and film personality, humorist, and a grass-roots philosopher. Will's direct, straightforward attitudes about life, politics, and the world reflect the values of the cowboy culture in which he was raised, but still hold true today, some 69 years after his death. It was Will Rogers who was quick to point out "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." Or looking on the bright side of taxes, he quipped, "Thank God we don't get as much government as we're payin' for."

Lance Brown, as Will Rogers, takes an entertaining and insightful look at our lives and our values. As Will Rogers, he explores the philosopher cowboy's take on the universal nature of human folly. He uses Rogers' famous trick roping and playful humor to bring America's most loved citizen to life. He points out the irony of how many of Will Rogers' comments apply directly to what is happening today. Brown, 60, has an intimate knowledge of his subject. He has done extensive research at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, Oklahoma, having authored the book, "On the Road with Will Rogers." He has spent over 18 years touring the country as Will Rogers.

Hiwan Homestead Museum is a 17-room log mansion constructed in the Rustic style of architecture. It is located in Evergreen at 4208 S. Timbervale Drive and is a Jefferson County Open Space facility operated through a partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Society. The Museum was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.