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GALVESTON'S GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE PERSENTS LAUNCH OF "MONEY, MARBLES, AND CHALK" – AN AFFECTIONATE SKETCH OF ANN RICHARDS, MAY 14-16

The Grand 1894 Opera House will present the launch of "Money, Marbles, and Chalk" – an affectionate sketch of Ann Richards in its first version and a one-woman show starring Emmy Award-winning stage and screen actress, Holland Taylor. Celebrating a "darling daughter of Texas", this production is scheduled for a limited engagement, May 14-16. Show times are Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm; Sunday matinee, 2pm.

"Money, Marbles, and Chalk" is a two-act play that sprang from the desire to understand and reveal the essence of this iconic American woman. Neither considered a narrative nor history, this performance is meant to do "what theatre does best: recreate a time lost to us by taking us somewhere we could never really be." The term "money, marbles, and chalk" is an old blues expression meaning "I'm all in, you can count on me for all I've got." Even though generally associated with LBJ, Richards was known to use this saying often.

This play began as a "project" of a fan –i.e. someone who had, like many people, admired the Governor from afar – and became "a journey to understand what it was about this down-home and fun woman, mother, grandmother, and one-term Governor of Texas, that affected so many people so deeply." Taylor spent three years doing extensive research that forms the basis for this play –including criss-crossing the country interviewing colleagues, friends, and family who knew Richards well, in addition to spending countless hours pouring over her personal and public papers.

“Texans know Ann Richards is a legend in her own right, and Holland’s three years of impressive research have culminated in a fantastic portrait of this incredible woman,” noted Maureen Patton, Executive Director of The Grand. “Consider this a warm, entertaining evening of ‘continuing education’ on Texas mythology and Richards’ life teachings.”

Tickets are \$34-\$54. To purchase tickets and for more information, contact The Grand’s Box Office at 409.765.1894, 800.821.1894, or online at www.thegrand.com. The Grand 1894 Opera House is located at 2020 Postoffice in historic downtown Galveston. The theatre is recognized as “The Official Opera House of the State of Texas.”