

THE T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY

SAINT LOUIS

presents

THE 1987 T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Co-sponsored by

THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

and

THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SAINT LOUIS

Saturday, September 26, 1987
Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park

Sunday, September 27, 1987
First Unitarian Church, 2500 Waterman Boulevard

SEPTEMBER 26, 1987 - JEFFERSON MEMORIAL BUILDING

the 99th anniversary of T. S. Eliot's birth

10 a.m. - **RECEPTION AND WELCOME** (Emerson Auditorium)

President of the T. S. Eliot Society - Dr. Jewel Spears Brooker

First Vice President, Missouri Historical Society - Mr. Earl K. Dille

"THE WILLIAM GREENLEAF ELIOT FAMILY IN ST. LOUIS"

An Exhibit by the Missouri Historical Society

EIGHTH ANNUAL T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Introduction of 1987 Eliot Memorial Lecturer Dr. Brooker

"Rhapsody on a Windy Night" by T. S. Eliot Mr. John Warren Owen

"Memory" The John Warren Owen Chorale

Lyrics arranged by Trevor Nunn from T. S. Eliot

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

"MEMORY AND IMAGINATION IN T. S. ELIOT'S RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PAST"

by Dr. James Olney

Voorhies Professor of English at Louisiana State University

Editor of the *Southern Review*

"Choose Something Like A Star" The John Warren Owen Chorale

Lyrics by Robert Frost Music by Randall Thompson

1 p.m. - LUNCH

Reception of New Members by Mr. Leslie Konnyu and Dr. Nancy Hargrove

2:30 p.m. - Program continues (Emerson Auditorium)

"Yeats-Eliot Review: History and Prospects" - Dr. Russell Murphy, Editor

"Special Places in T. S. Eliot's World" - Dr. Allen Koppenhaver

6 p.m. - Cocktail Party and Buffet, Simon Hall, Washington University

8:30 p.m. - **THE COCKTAIL PARTY** a play by T. S. Eliot (Emerson Auditorium)

Magic Circle Ensemble, Director William Randall Beard

SEPTEMBER 27, 1987 - FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

10 a.m. - "T. S. Eliot and the Responsible Reader" Dr. Grover Smith

11 a.m. - "We Shall Not Cease from Exploration" Rev. Earl K. Holt III

12 o'clock - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - **The Cocktail Party: A Conversation**

Dr. Ann Brady, Gustavus Adolphus College - Leader

Dr. E. Philip Bollier, Tulane University

Dr. Joseph Betley, University of South Florida

Dr. Judith Johnston, Rider College

Mr. William Randall Beard, Director of **The Cocktail Party**

2:30 p.m. - Closing Remarks Dr. Brooker

The Eliot Society acknowledges the assistance of the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council in funding the above program.



*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
— “Little Gidding”*

T. S. Eliot was born in Saint Louis on September 26, 1888 of a family distinguished for its contributions to the city and its institutions. In his later years, Eliot often spoke appreciatively of Saint Louis. He returned in 1953 as a Nobel Laureate to express his gratitude to an audience assembled at Washington University, an institution founded a century earlier by his grandfather William Greenleaf Eliot. In a booklet commemorating this occasion, the poet acknowledged that “Saint Louis affected me more deeply than any other environment.” Eliot died in London, England on January 4, 1965, widely acclaimed as the most important poet of our century. The obituary in the **Times** (London) was entitled “The Most Influential English Poet of His Time,” and the long obituary in **Life** magazine concluded with “Our age beyond any doubt has been, and will continue to be, the Age of Eliot.”

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PREVIOUS T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURERS

Marcella Holloway, CSJ
Robert C. Roach
Charles Guenther
Earl K. Holt III
Jewel Spears Brooker
W. Ronald Schuchard
Grover Smith

ABOUT THE T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY

The T. S. Eliot Society is a literary non-profit organization, an international community of individuals interested in the life and work of T. S. Eliot. It was founded in 1980 by the Hungarian-American man of letters Leslie Konnyu for the purpose of providing fellowship and enrichment for persons interested in Eliot's art and his ideas.

The primary activity of the T. S. Eliot Society is an annual program, including an address by a scholar or friend of the poet. This program is held each year on the weekend closest to the poet's birthday.

The Society will celebrate the centenary of T. S. Eliot's birth with a four-day program called "T. S. Eliot: His Traditions, His Work, and His Cultural Legacies" from September 22-25, 1988. This centennial celebration will include presentations by Eliot friends and scholars from several countries, as well as performances of *The Elder Statesman* and *Murder in the Cathedral*.

The T. S. Eliot Society News & Notes, published several times each year by the Society, contains items of interest to Eliot scholars and friends. This newsletter is mailed to all members.

The Society welcomes new members. Membership inquiries should be addressed to the Rev. Earl K. Holt, First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108

The Society is supported by dues and contributions from members, by grants from cultural agencies, and by the sale of the official Eliot Society Cachet. The Cachet for Eliot's 99th birthday will be on sale throughout the 1987 meeting.

OFFICERS:

President Dr. Jewel Spears Brooker
Vice-President Dr. Grover Smith
Treasurer Rev. Earl K. Holt III
Secretary Dr. Nancy D. Hargrove
Historian Dr. Allen Koppenhaver

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Mrs. T. S. Eliot
Dr. Cleanth Brooks
Dr. Donald Gallup
Mr. Leslie Konnyu
Mr. Andrew Osze