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SUBJECT: **COWBOY LORE AND COWBOY LIFE**
by John Wheat
Free Public Lecture - Wednesday, October 26, 1988

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The cowboy remains one of the most idealized and romantic figures in American culture. What are the myths and realities of cowboy life? What can music tell us about these intriguing men of the west and how we see them? On Wednesday, October 26, at 8 p.m. the public is invited to a free public lecture where music historian John Wheat will use music to highlight his discussion of these questions. The lecture, sponsored by the Texas Memorial Museum, will be held in Bass Lecture Hall on the UT campus.

Mr. Wheat's sight and sound presentation promises to be both interesting and entertaining. Mr. Wheat is the Coordinator for Sound Archives at the Barker Texas History Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Using selections of cowboy ballads and other so-called "western" music from the Barker Sound Archives, Mr. Wheat will examine the differences between cowboy lore and cowboy life. In addition to his work at UT's Barker Texas History Center as the historian and archivist of Texas music, Mr. Wheat has been a lecturer, panelist, MC and DJ for programs involving both Texas and Latin American music. He serves as Vice-President for the Texas Music Association, and is on the Board of Directors of the Texas Heritage Music Foundation in Kerrville and the Music Umbrella of Austin.

This lecture is in conjunction with a special exhibition of photographs titled **IN THE DUST OF THE DRAGS: Ranching Photographs from the Erwin E. Smith Collection** at Texas Memorial Museum . October 15, 1988 - November 27, 1988.

Bass Lecture Hall is on the lower level and northern end of Sid Richardson Hall at approximately 2400 Red River on the UT campus. Parking is available at the LBJ Library lot. For more information please call 471-1604.

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