

THE TWAUAT HONOREE WAS SELECTED FOR OUR MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR HIS PINNACLE POSITION IN THE WORLD OF WRITING, POETRY & SCREENWRITING. THAT, BY ITSELF ALONE, WOULD HIGHLIGHT HIS BRILLIANCE IN OUR EYES.

UP TO THIS TIME HE HAS PUBLISHED 14 BOOKS, BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE AS ONE OF THE 20 WRITERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY. THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW SELECTED HIS WORK AS ~~THE~~ AMONG THE 20 WRITERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY. HE IS THE WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD → A ELEGANT HONOR.

HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY HIS OWN STATE OF WASHINGTON, BUT THAT IS ONLY AMONG A BREATHTAKING NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR WRITING, POETRY & SCREENWRITING. HE IS BOTH ENVIED & HUMBLY ADMIRER BY HIS PEERS.

BUT ALL OF THAT IS NOT THE SOBE REASON SHERMAN ALEXIE WAS CHOSEN BY OUR MUSEUM AT WARM SPRINGS. SHERMAN ALEXIE IS A SPOKANE / COEUR D'ALENE INDIAN & GROW UP ON THE RESERVATION. SHERMAN ALEXIE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF HOPE → A HUMAN, LIFE SUSTAINING NEED. IT IS VERY MUCH OF NECESSITY ESPECIALLY AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS. — "IF HE CAN DO IT WE CAN TOO" — WHAT A WONDERFUL MESSAGE"

HE HAS THE GREAT TALENT TO BRING THE WORDS ^{FROM} THE UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND: " — HE TEACHES, ENTICING & INSPIRES INTELLECTUALLY & INTERGENERATIONALLY WITH A PLAIN TALKING YOU TO A CREATIVE PLAYGROUND THAT IS BOTH FAMILIAR & UNFAMILIAR TO US."

IT IS WITH PRIDE I NOW PRESENT TO YOU OUR TWAUAT AWARD RECIPIENT — SHERMAN ALEXIE —

— INTER GENERATION ALLY —