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Biography: W.H. AUDEN

W.H. Auden wrote the narration for the documentary film "U S" shown in the Confluence Theatre of the United States Pavilion at HemisFair '68.

Since 1928, when his first small book of verse was hand printed privately in Oxford, England, Mr. Auden has earned international renown. He has produced a profusion of diverse works ranging from poems, verse dramas, and songs to opera libretti and political odes. He has also written hundreds of essays and articles and edited collected works and anthologies.

A biology student at school, Mr. Auden turned to English literature at Christ Church College, Oxford. After extensive world travel, he came to the United States.

He has been a U.S. citizen for more than 20 years.

Mr. Auden has been accorded many honors.

He won the Pulitzer Prize for American poetry for his work "The Age of Anxiety" in 1948. He has also received the Bollingen prize for poetry (1953), the National Book Award (1956 and 1960), the Alexander Droutsy Memorial award (1959), and the Guinness poetry award (1959 and 1962).

In 1967, Mr. Auden received the prestigious National Medal for Literature given by the National Book Committee.

This year, he became the sixth recipient of the Dickinson Arts Award. He also received this year the Gold Medal for Poetry given by the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

His prize-winning works include "The Shield of Achilles," "Times Three," and "The Dyer's Hand and Other Essays."