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Ken Burns to Receive UNH Alumni Association's Pettee Medal in April Ceremony

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association will present its most prestigious award, the Pettee Medal, to award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns in a ceremony April 29. The Pettee Medal is awarded annually to a resident or former resident of New Hampshire in recognition of outstanding accomplishment or distinguished service in any form to the state, the nation or the world.

At the ceremony, Burns will speak about his 20-year filmmaking career, during which he has produced some



Ken Burns

of the most acclaimed historical documentaries ever made. The ceremony also will feature a performance by famed New Hampshire guitarist Ed Gerhard, who wrote and performed two songs for Burns' most recent documentary, "Mark Twain."

Burns, a resident of Walpole, N.H., has achieved worldwide recognition for his documentary films. During his career, he has taken on a

variety of subjects, including the Civil War, the journey of Lewis and Clark, the American West and the history of baseball and jazz. Burns' films have been recognized with a number of awards, including Emmy's, Grammy's and Peabody Awards.

The Pettee Medal ceremony will be held April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Granite State Room of the Memorial Union

Building at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. The event is free and open to the public, but as space is limited and reservations are encouraged. For reservation information, call the Alumni Center at (603) 862-2040.

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