

# Detailed Program

## WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM DEDICATION

NOV. 4, 1938, CLAREMORE, OKLA.

**NOTE:** The appended official program will be followed regardless of weather, excepting the open-air pageant at 7:00 p.m., which cannot be given unless conditions permit. All events listed will be presented under auspices of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission, without charge to the public.

**GLENN CONDON**  
Program and Publicity  
Chairman for the Commission

- 9:35 a.m.—ARRIVAL OF "THE WILL ROGERS."  
**Frisco depot**  
Specially decorated Frisco train from St. Louis bearing Hon. Jesse Jones and other distinguished guests from the East.
- 10:00 a.m.—MASONIC GRAND LODGE CONVENES  
**Masonic Hall**
- 10:30 a.m.—Masonic Grand Lodge and Akdar Shrine band and patrol of Tulsa (Will Rogers was a life member of Akdar) parade from Hall to Memorial grounds.
- 11:00 a.m.—MEMORIAL CORNERSTONE LAYING  
**Memorial Building, northeast corner**  
Principal address by John R. Abernathy, Grand Master of Oklahoma.
- 12:00 noon—BAND CONCERT  
**Memorial Terrace**  
University of Oklahoma Band, Norman, and Oklahoma A. & M. College Band, Stillwater.
- 12:15 p.m.—PIONEER PARADE  
**From downtown Claremore to Memorial**
- 12:45 p.m.—REVIEW OF PARADE  
**Memorial Terrace**  
Followed by chuckwagon dinner at rear of building on Memorial grounds for parade participants.
- 1:00 p.m.—INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
**Memorial Terrace**
- 1:15 p.m.—VOCAL CONCERT  
**Memorial Terrace**  
By Indian Glee Club, Bacone College, Muskogee, assisted by Woodrow Crumbo, Indian flutist.
- 1:30 p.m.—UNVEILING OF WILL ROGERS STATUE  
**Rotunda of Memorial Building (indoors)**  
Musical selections by:  
a. O.M.A. Band  
b. Oklahoma A. & M. College Quartet, singing "Dream of the West," dedicated to Will Rogers by the composer, Ferol Savage Connors, Oklahoma City.  
c. Cecil (Rowdy) Wright singing his own composition, "Rogers is Roping in Heaven."  
d. O.M.A. Band  
e. Presentation of the statue to Oklahoma by the sculptor, Jo Davidson.  
f. Acceptance of statue by Hon. E. W. Marland, Governor.  
g. Unveiling by Mary Rogers.  
h. O.M.A. Band
- 2:00 p.m.—MEMORIAL DEDICATION  
**Memorial Terrace**  
(Broadcast by National Broadcasting Company and individual stations)  
2:00 p.m.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt from Hyde Park, N. Y.  
2:04 p.m.—National Anthem by Oklahoma Military Academy Band, Claremore.

2:06 p.m.—General Roy Hoffman, Chairman Will Rogers Memorial Commission (Claremore)

2:08 p.m.—Governor Ernest W. Marland, (Claremore).

2:10 p.m.—Hon. Jesse Jones, Chairman RFC and Treasurer, Will Rogers National Committee. (Claremore)

2:27 p.m.—Fred Stone, New York City

2:30 p.m.—Eddie Cantor, New York City

2:33 p.m.—George M. Cohan, Pittsburgh, Pa.

2:36 p.m.—Irvin S. Cobb, Hollywood, Cal.

2:40 p.m.—Amon G. Carter (Claremore)

2:43 p.m.—A. and M. College Quartette and Oklahoma Military Academy Band, "Old Faithful", (Claremore)

2:45 p.m.—Sign off.

3:00 p.m.—WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

7:00 p.m.—"BENEATH OKLAHOMA SKIES".

**Open-air pageant, Memorial Grounds.**

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Musical director, D. Donald Plumb, director, Claremore Highschool band.

Gordon Berger, University of Oklahoma, baritone soloist.

Theme song, "Oklahoma I Love You," written and composed by Opal Harrison Williford, Tulsa. Narrators: Glenn Condon and Bob Latting, Station KOME, Tulsa

### HISTORICAL EPISODES:

- Prologue
1. Battle of Claremore Mound
  2. Trail of Tears
  3. Settlement and Home Building of Cherokees In Oklahoma
  4. Cherokee Government in Oklahoma
  5. Will Rogers' Parents and Birth
  6. The Run of 1889
  7. Will Rogers' Boyhood and Schooling
  8. Will Rogers' Wild West Show Days
  9. Statehood
  10. Will Rogers' Theatrical Career
  11. Will Rogers' Courtship and Wedding
  12. Will Rogers and Silent Motion Pictures.
  13. Will Rogers in role of Chairty Provide, Humorist and Philosopher
  14. Post-Gatty Round the World Flight and Wiley Post's Epochal Solo World Flight
  15. Will Rogers, Polo Player
  16. The Fatal Crash in Alaska
  17. The Memorial
- Finale

**THE FOREGOING PROGRAM  
APPROVED IN DETAIL BY**

**THE COMMISSION**

**HUGH AMICK, Co-ordinator.**

**November 4, 1938**