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The MOLLY National Journalism Prize Gala honors Molly Ivins' legacy, benefits the *Texas Observer*, and awards the best investigative journalism and political commentary in the country.

Keri Blakinger, award-winning journalist for The Marshall Project, will keynote. Her recent book, *Corrections in Ink*, is a memoir tracing Keri's path from figure skating to heroin addiction to prison... to life as an investigative reporter covering mass incarceration. The book was reviewed in the Texas *Observer, Rolling Stone* and the *New York Times*.

These days, Texans miss the words of **Molly Ivins**. Our legendary editor and columnist enriched the lives of progressive readers. Molly's voice – sometimes humorous, sometimes angry – was always insightful. Her bluster made many conservatives cower in their boots. Molly wrote: *And when you get through kickin' ass and celebratin' the sheer joy of a good fight, be sure to tell those who come after how much fun it was.*

That's why there's the MOLLY Awards, the most important annual fundraiser for *Texas Observer*, a Texas legend in its own right. The *Observer* has been telling it like it is since 1954 – and we're just getting started! Editor-in-chief **Gabe Arana** has Molly-sized abilities to tackle one Texas-sized crisis after another in our state.

The gala is October 20th at the Line Austin hotel. It is our honor to extend to you, with the deepest respect, this invitation to become a sponsor. Your sponsorship will deliver urgently needed funding for our journalism. When Texas is at its worst, the Texas Observer must be at our best, and your investment at this moment will fuel our fire. **Will you join with us?**

To respond, confirm your participation using the provided form, or contact Lauren Benavides at *Texas Observer* at (210) 617-8328 or benavides@texasobserver.org.

Remember that Molly's voice still resides inside each of us. Her voice and legacy help fund the journalism of the *Texas Observer* and the best journalists in America. Join with us and let's be sure to tell those who come after us *how much fun it was!*

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