Friday, October 2

**Clarksdale Civic Auditorium**
(Downtown) 506 East Second St.

9:30 a.m. - Welcome to the 23rd MDTW Festival sponsored by Coahoma Community College - Dr. Valmadge Towner, CCC president

Music: The CCC Concert Choir directed by Kelvin Towers

10 a.m. - Reading from THE GLASS MENAGERIE by Oxford actress Susan McPhail

10:30 a.m. - Scholars explore the drama & its characters - Dr. Colby Kullman, moderator; Dr. Ann Fisher-Wirth & Tom “Coop” Cooper; Q & A

11:30 a.m. - Keynote address on the 60th anniversary of CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF - Dr. Kenneth Holditch; Q & A

12:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own at one of Clarksdale’s outstanding restaurants

2:00 p.m. - Filmmaker Karen Kohlhaas presents: “The Delta & CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF”; Q & A

3:30 p.m. - Author/theatre critic John Lahr talks about his acclaimed biography of Tennessee Williams that received the 2014 National Book Critics Circle Award; Q & A & autograph session - Copies of his books will be available for purchase.

Festival moves to the Cutrer Mansion

109 Clark Street

7 p.m. - Grande Reception, Southern Cuisine by the Dutch Oven, blues guitarist Dave Dunavant; THE GLASS MENAGERIE by the Vandal Theatre Lab; guests are invited to come as their favorite TWilliams character; Advance Reservations ($25 per person)

Coahoma Tourism, P.O. Box 1770, Clarksdale, MS 38614; or call 662-621-6149

Saturday, October 3

Student Drama Competition: Georgia Lewis Theatre: Last exit into CCC Campus, off 3240 Friars Point Rd.

8 a.m. - Continental breakfast for students and teachers

9 a.m. Welcome: Kappi Allen, competition director; monologue competition begins

10 a.m. - Scene competition begins

11 a.m. - Stella Calling competition

11:15 a.m. - Acting workshop directed by Karen Kohlhaas and Matt Foss

12 noon - Winners announced followed by celebration luncheon for students and teachers prepared by Chef Brennon Warr & CCC culinary students, The Gallery, CCC. *Reservations required for non-students/coaches.

Festival moves to Clarksdale’s Historic District

2 p.m. Welcome to St. George’s Episcopal Church by the Rev. Jason Shelby, 106 Sharkey followed by Clarksdale Woman’s Club Open House

3 - 5 p.m. - Porch plays featuring scenes from Tennessee Williams plays followed by conversations and interaction with actors, Play No. 1: 415 Court St., Oxford actors Alice Walker and Johnny McPhail, CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF; Play No. 2: 203 Court St.; Wanda Lee’s Drama Students; Play No. 3: 41 John St., Sherrye Williams as Amanda Wingfield