



The Mississippi Delta

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL

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Welcome, Student Actors and Drama Instructors:

This is your annual invitation to star on center stage at the Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival Drama Competition. Our 19th celebration honoring playwright Tennessee Williams will be held Oct. 14-15, with our favorite event for young Mississippi actors on Saturday, Oct 15.

Theatre professionals participating in the competition, acting workshops, and talks will be Eda Holmes, who is directing *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* April through October at the prestigious Shaw Festival in Toronto, Canada; acclaimed actor/director Erma Duricko, founder and artistic director of Blue Roses Productions who has directed performances at Lincoln Center, and Broadway celebrity actor/director Jeremy Lawrence. Judges are out-of-town theatre veterans..

In the audience at last year's festival were international visitors from Oxford and London, England, Vienna, Austria, California, Michigan, Florida, Kansas, New Orleans as well music celebrities Charlie Musselwhite and Tom Waits.

To promote drama in Mississippi schools and the performance of Tennessee Williams works, Coahoma Community College presents engraved trophies to student actors for their award-winning performances, and these cash prizes to the schools they represent.

Monologue competition winners: 1st place: \$500; 2nd place: \$200; and 3rd place: \$100

Scene competition winners: 1st place: \$700; 2nd place: \$400; and 3rd place: \$200

Other cash awards include: Stella contest winners: male and female: \$100 each

Best costume: \$100; Judges Award: \$100

Registration and a complimentary breakfast are free and open at 8 a.m. We invite you to register early; required registration forms may be downloaded from the festival website: www.coahomacc.edu/twilliams. Time restrictions of performances will be enforced strictly. You are invited to attend the Saturday evening supper/presentation of winners, interaction with theatre celebrities, and a dance featuring music by one of the Mississippi Delta's great blues bands. Cost is a special \$5 per person.

Registration deadline to Competition Director Kappi Allen is Friday, Oct. 8, 2011. Questions? Call or email: kappi@visitclarksdale.com or myself. See you soon.

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