



The Mississippi Delta
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL

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Dear Student Actors and Drama Instructors:

This is your invitation to star on center stage at the 18th annual Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival Drama Competition October 16, 2010, in Clarksdale.

Our celebration honoring playwright Tennessee Williams continues its extraordinary international scope following the British Broadcasting Corporation's documentary featuring the festival aired in 2009 to rave reviews in the UK with award-winning British playwright/actor Kwame Kwei-Armah as narrator.

Supervising the competition and the acting workshops will be acclaimed actress/director Erma Duricko, founder and artistic director of Blues Roses Productions. Miss Duricko has directed performances at Lincoln Center and conducts master classes across the country. Judges for the competition are out-of-town veteran theatre professionals.

Student actors receive trophies for their award-winning performances, and the schools they represent are awarded the following cash prizes for their drama departments:

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

Don't miss this unique opportunity to compete, sharpen your acting skills, meet celebrity Broadway stars and regional theatre professionals, and have a great time.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 4, 2010. See you soon.

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