

## **Schedule of Events**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival**

### **October 16-17, 2009**

*Lectures, live drama, readings, panels, porch plays, and drama competitions are free thanks in part to grants from Coahoma Community College, the Mississippi Arts Commission, the Mississippi Humanities Council, the Rock River Foundation, and community contributions. Reservations are necessary for receptions, dinners, and can be made via e-mail or telephone: [pmayfield@coahomacc.edu](mailto:pmayfield@coahomacc.edu) or 662-621-4157.*

*Reservations for meals may be mailed to The Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival, Coahoma Community College Public Relations, 3240 Friars Point Rd., Clarksdale, Miss. 38614: Prices are Friday's seated luncheon in the Gallery – dining room of CCC's Culinary Arts program on campus: \$12 per person; Friday night's reception honoring actors/speakers- cocktail buffet at The Clark House: \$25 per person; Saturday night's barbecue supper at Clarksdale Station, \$12 per person. Please make checks to Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival. Reservation forms are printed on the TW mailer/flyer available on line.*

**FRIDAY, Oct. 16 – Whiteside Lecture Hall, Coahoma Community College  
Campus – 3240 Friars Point Rd., Clarksdale, Miss.**

**9:00 a.m. – Kenneth Holditch – keynote address: *An overview of Tennessee's Delta plays with special emphasis on Spring Storm* followed by discussion**

**10:00 a.m. – Break**

**10:30 a.m. - Readings from *Spring Storm* by Erma Duricko, Jeff Glickman, and others**

**11:15 a.m. – Scholar comments and reflections on readings, discussion of *Spring Storm* as precursor of *Orpheus Descending*, and Heavenly Critchfield as an earlier version of Blanche, Alma Winemiller, and other heroines by panel moderator Colby Kullman and panelists: Ann Fisher-Wirth, David Kaplan, Travis Montgomery, Annette Saddik, & Ralph Voss,**

**1:00 p.m. – Seated lunch on Coahoma's campus in The Gallery, Dining Room of the Culinary Arts Department**

Conference continues at Coahoma Community College's Whiteside Hall, 3240  
Friars Point Rd.

**2:30 p.m.** – BBC producer Carmel Lonergan airs the documentary, “Cat on a Hot  
Tin Roof,” and talks about its background and the impact of the program in  
the UK

**4:00 p.m.** – Intermission – Events move to Oakhurst Middle School, West Second  
Street – across West Second Street Bridge from downtown Clarksdale

**4:30 p.m.** – Acoustic blues guitarist Daddy Rich opens; actor/director Erma Duricko  
and actor Jeff Glickman present scenes from Mississippi Delta plays  
Kenneth Holditch introduces performance by two-time Tony Award-  
winner Tammy Grimes and Broadway star/director Joel Vig.

**7:30 p.m.** – Meet and greet actors and scholars – Cocktails and dinner – The Clark  
House, historic home of Clarksdale's founder John Clark and childhood  
home of Blanche Clark Cutrer, built in 1859, and recently renovated

Live drama from Tennessee Williams' great Delta plays

Musical performance by acclaimed Coahoma Community College gospel  
and soul ensemble directed by Kelvin Towers

Actor/guitarist Jeff Glickman performs the Blues Ballads of Tennessee  
Williams

Cuisine by Chef Robert Rhymes and his Coahoma Community College  
Culinary students.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009** - Conference continues at Oakhurst Middle  
School, West Second Street, downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi

**9:00 a.m.** – Colby Kullman introduces speakers.

**9:30 a.m.** - New Directions publisher Thomas Keith talks about the 1999  
publication of *Spring Storm* and his company's recent reprinting  
of other Williams works. Q & A

**10:30 a.m.** – Annette Saddik talks about her essay in “The Traveling Companion”  
published by New Directions.

**12:00 p.m.** - Lunch on your own

**1:00 p.m.** – Complimentary dessert and coffee at the Cutrer Mansion, “Belle Reve”  
home for Blanche and Stella, 109 Clark Street

**2:00 p.m. – Organ recital by St. George’s Episcopal Church organist David A. Williamson, St. George’s Episcopal Church, 106 Sharkey Ave. The Church office and former rectory next door where Tennessee lived As a child with his grandparents, parents, and sister Rose will be open to visitors.**

**2:30 – 4 p.m. – Porch plays, historic Williams neighborhood – Open House at Clarksdale Woman’s Club across from St. George’s Episcopal Church**

**2:30 p.m. – Porch Play No. 1 – 415 Court Street – Scenes from one of Tennessee Williams great Delta plays**

**3:00 p.m. – Porch Play No. 2 – 203 Court Street, Clarksdale High School Drama Class directed by Wanda Lee**

**3:30 p.m. – Porch Play No. 3 - 235 Clark Street - Scenes from one of Tennessee Williams great Delta plays**

**4:00 p.m. – Porch Play No. 4 - 91 John Street – Scenes from one of Tennessee Williams great Delta plays**

**5:00 p.m. – Barbecue supper at Clarksdale Station, former passenger depot**

**5:30 p.m. –Presentation of Drama Competition winners performing their award-winning presentations with comments by Tammy Grimes, Joel Vig, and Erma Duricko**

**6:00 p.m. – Music for dancing – The Wesley Jefferson Blues Band**

**Scenes from one of Tennessee Williams great Delta plays**

**STUDENT DRAMA COMPETITION directed by Erma Duricko  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

**8:30 – Noon – Coahoma Community College Georgia Lewis Theatre**

**8:30 a.m. – Breakfast and registration**

**9:00 a.m. – Monologue competition**

**10:00 a.m. – Scene competition**

**11:00 a.m. – “Stella” calling contest**

**11:15 – Noon – Student Acting Workshop by Erma Duricko**

**Actors performing readings from Tennessee Williams Delta plays include Broadway stars Tammy Grimes and Joel Vig; acclaimed director/actor Erma Duricko, Jeff Glickman of Pensacola; Janna Montgomery, Johnny McPhail, and Alice Walker, all, Theatre Oxford; Sherrye Williams and Glynda Duncan of Clarksdale.**