August 31, 2017

Dear Drama Instructors and Student Actors,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 25th Annual Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival. Our festival, celebrating all things Tom "Tennessee" Williams, will take place October 13th and 14th, 2017. We invite you, our brightest stars, to join us for the Student Drama Competition on Saturday, October 14th.

I ask that you PLEASE include all information on the Intent To Participate form. This will make contacting you much easier if I have any questions. I have also included "evaluation standards" so that you and the judges will be on the same page. You will notice a form to fill out for the Stella Calling Contest. This little sheet of paper will make MY life much easier on Saturday morning! If you would like to be judged on your costume you can check the box on the monologue form. No competition substitutions will be accepted after 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12th.

We will host a luncheon immediately following the competition. We will also host a pizza party Friday evening before the beginning of the Friday night festivities. We invite you to be our guest. I will need to know a firm number participating so that we have plenty of food for everyone. You can give me those numbers on the Intent To Participate form. Here is the run-down of the prizes.

Monologue winners: 1st place $500; 2nd place $200; 3rd place $100
Scene winners: 1st place $700; 2nd place $400; 3rd place $200
Stella Calling winners: Male $100 Female $100
Best Costume: $100 Judges Award: $100
Teachers Appreciation Award: $200

All winners also receive a trophy and Monologues and Scenes also have Honorable Mention awards.

Run don't walk to the Georgia Lewis Theatre on the campus of Coahoma Community College, 3240 Friars Point Road Clarksdale, MS on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Please be there at 8:00 a.m. to register, enjoy complimentary donuts, juice and water and be ready to begin at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!!!

The registration deadline is October 10, 2017!! Don't be late!
Send completed forms to:
Kappi Allen, Drama Competition Coordinator
P.O. Box 1770
Clarksdale, MS 38614
Fax: 662-627-2221 Email: kappi@visitclarksdale.com Phone: 662-627-6149 Cell: 662-902-7729

Please contact me with any questions and/or concerns. We look forward to another year of outstanding performances!!

Kappi
MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL
STUDENT DRAMA COMPETITION
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
Registration Form Deadline to return Tuesday, October 10, 2017

We would participate in the 25th annual
Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Student Drama Competition
Clarksdale, Mississippi
Saturday, October 14, 2017

We will be bringing students to participate in:

Scene Competition (1) ____  Monologue Competition (5) ____

Stella Calling Contest: Male (1) ____  Female (1) ____

School Name: ________________________________

Instructor: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City: ________________________________ Zip: ____________

Email: ________________________________

School Phone: ________________________________

School Fax: ________________________________

Cell Phone: ________________________________

Instructors Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

Total number of students, teachers and others attending the
Saturday luncheon: ____________

Total number of students, teachers and others attending the
Friday pizza dinner: ____________
Monologue Registration

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School: ________________________________

City: ________________________________

Name of Play: ________________________________

Scene and Act: ________________________________

Character: ________________________________

Student’s Name: ________________________________

Instructor’s Name: ________________________________

Does student want to be judged on costume? Yes ____  No ____
MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL
MONOLOGUE COMPETITION

Each school is limited to 5 monologue entries
Please duplicate form.

Material: Must be taken from a Tennessee Williams play

Time: 2 minutes performance time per student  Strictly Enforced

Props: Small hand held props are permissible; one chair will be provided if needed.

Beginning and Ending of Monologue:

1. Student will arrange chair if necessary and introduce the monologue as follows: State his/her name, competition number, school's name, and play from which the material is taken.

2. At the end of the monologue, student will restate his/her name, the school's name and competition number.

3. All material must be memorized and rehearsed to fit the allotted time frame.

Evaluation Standards:

1. Clarity in communication the script
2. Movement in conveying meaning of the script
3. Vocal effectiveness
4. Effective use of timing and rhythm
5. Understanding of the character
6. Honesty and sincerity in performance
7. Concentration and consistency of characterization
8. Costume judging  (optional)
Scene Registration

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School: ______________________________________

City: ______________________________________

Name of Play: ______________________________________

Scene and Act: ______________________________________

Instructor’s Name: ______________________________________

Cast (In order of appearance)
Character Name: ______________________________________

Actor’s Name: ______________________________________

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL
SCENE COMPETITION

Each school is limited to 1 scene entry

Material: Must be taken from a Tennessee Williams play

Time: 10 minutes performance time Strictly Enforced

Set-Up and Strike Time: Each team is limited to 5 minutes set-up and strike time

Props: Props, furniture, or set-up pieces must be provided by the competitor and must be simple enough to set-up and strike in the allotted time.

Beginning and Ending of Scene:

1. Once the stage is set, one person from the cast or crew will introduce the scene as follows: State school’s name, assigned group number, play from which the material is taken.

2. At the end of the Scene, one person from the cast or crew will restate the school’s name and assigned group number.

3. All material must be memorized and rehearsed to fit the allotted time frame.

Evaluation Standards:

1. Clarity in communication the script
2. Interaction of characters
3. Movement in conveying meaning of the script
4. Vocal effectiveness
5. Effective use of timing and rhythm
6. Understanding of the character
7. Honesty and sincerity in performance
8. Concentration and consistency of characterization
MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL
STELLA CALLING COMPETITION

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Student will state name and school AFTER his/her call.

School: __________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________

Male:

Name: _________________________________________ Grade: ____

Female:

Name: _________________________________________ Grade: ____
25th Annual Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13 – Opening in the New Roxy Theatre on Issaquena Avenue, site of a Blues Trail Marker honoring Clarksdale native Sam Cooke with welcome by Dr. Valmadge Towner, president of Coahoma Community College, Music by the CCC Concert Choir under the direction of Kelvin Towers and lecture/overview of the great plays of Tennessee Williams – Dr. Kenneth Holditch

10:30 a.m. – Haven United Methodist Church, corner of Yazoo and Martin Luther King Blvd., site of an Archives and History Marker - Welcome by Mayor Chuck Espy with church historian, Vicki Espy, providing church history as a safe meeting site during the Civil Rights Era/Dr. Aaron Henry and his Fourth Street Drug Store/future site of the North Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, voter registration drive by the Rev. Jessie Jackson.

11:00 a.m. – Messenger’s – Site of a Blues Trail Marker, one of the first businesses in the New World District. Dwayne Messenger, owner, and Henry Dorsey, retired CCC fine arts chairman who grew up in the neighborhood, will describe its rich and diverse culture in blues, jazz and ragtime music.

11:30 a.m. – First Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Blvd, site of an Archives and History Marker, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spoke several times. Church historian Claudett Williams will detail the church’s history.

12:00 Noon – The Grange Cemetery, Sunflower Ave., burial site for Blanche and J. W. Cutrer. Actress Alice Walker will perform the death monologues of Blanche DuBois, heroine of A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. City Commissioner Ken Murphy will talk about his family’s angel monument that Tennessee “borrowed” and converted into the signature set piece for Summer and Smoke, a period drama set in Clarksdale.

Break for Lunch on Your Own:

1:30 p.m. – Walking Tour resumes outside Clarksdale Station (Paul Edwards and Issaquena) the city’s former passenger depot where Tennessee Williams, his family, and grandparents traveled between St. Louis and Clarksdale. Scenes from the play, This Property Is Condemned will be performed.

2:30 p.m. – Walking Tour travels to the lobby of the Alcazar Hotel, Third Street and Yazoo Ave., where a performance of the play The Last of My Solid Gold Watches will take place in its original setting.

3:30 p.m. – Walking Tour travels to Carnegie Public Library on Delta Avenue where scenes from the Tennessee Williams play, Spring Storm will be performed in its original setting.
5:45 p.m. - Student drama competitor’s pizza dinner at Stone Pony Pizza.

7:00 p.m. – Grande Reception at the Cutrer Mansion with music by guitarist Dave Dunavant, gourmet cuisine by The Dutch Oven and a centerpiece theatrical production by the Matt Foss actors. Guests are encouraged to come as their favorite Tennessee Williams character.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Georgia Lewis Theatre, Coahoma Community College Campus, 3240 Friars Point Road

8 a.m. – Continental Breakfast for students and teachers

9 a.m. – Welcome by Kappi Allen, competition director, and monologue competition begins.

10 a.m. – Scene competition begins

11:15 a.m. – Acting workshop by Karen Kohlhaas followed by announcement of winners.

12:00 – noon – Luncheon in the Gallery prepared by Chef Brennon Warr and his CCC Culinary students and hosted by Coahoma County Tourism

Festival moves to Clarksdale’s Historic District

2:00 p.m. – Welcome to St. George’s Episcopal Church by the Rev. Jason Shelby

2:30 p.m. – Scenes from Summer and Smoke will be performed in the living room of the former St. George Rectory – the play’s actual setting.

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Open House hosted by the Clarksdale Woman’s Club.

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Porch plays featuring scenes from Tennessee Williams plays: 415 Court Street, 203 Court Street; 41 John Street; and 235 Clark Street.

Finale: Outside screening of a Tennessee Williams movie on the Delta Blues Museum’s oversize screen on the Melville Tillis Delta Blues Stage in Blues Alley.