

A Streetcar Named Desire

The Champlain College Players, under the direction of Donald Rowe, will present Tennessee Williams' acclaimed drama, *A Streetcar Named Desire* as their fall 1993 mainstage production. Produced first on Broadway in December 1947 in a now legendary production directed by Elia Kazan and starring Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy, *Streetcar* has since received countless theatrical revivals and been filmed twice. Both the 1951 film version with Vivian Leigh and Brando and the 1983 television production starring Ann Margaret and Treat Williams have been heaped with critical acclaim and with awards - Academy, Emmy, Golden Globe, New York Film Critics, etc.

Centering around Blanche DuBois, a prototypical Williams southern gentlewoman, *Streetcar* recounts the conflict between brutality and civilization, between those at home in the world and those forever outside its conventions, between monogamy and promiscuity, between homosexuality and heterosexuality, and between sanity and insanity. The sensitive exploration of these conflicts in *Streetcar*, the vividness of its characters, the beauty of its language, and the power of its theatrical

imagination, make it an especially meaningful play among gay audiences.

Williams himself, America's foremost gay playwright, often commented on the degree to which his sexual orientation influenced his writing. In the *Memoirs*, for example, he said, "There is more sensibility - which is equivalent to more talent - among gays of both sexes than among the 'norms'. Why? They must compensate for so much." Thus he links the life of the gay person, the loner, the outsider, with the idea that art may arise out of suffering and deprivation - a compensation for pain and loss. With regard to *Streetcar* specifically, Donald Spoto, Williams' biographer commented that "in his creative struggles with himself and in his domestic struggles with Pancho (his lover at the time), he met both the protective and destructive Stanley and the gentle, needy, spiritual but manipulative sensualist, Blanche."

A Streetcar Named Desire will be the seventh production of the Champlain College Players, following on the heels of their highly acclaimed performances of *Bus Stop*, *Not About Heroes*, *Marat/Sade*, *Canterbury Tales*, *Amadeus*, and *Hamlet*. It will be presented at Alumni Auditorium

on the Champlain College Campus Wednesday through Saturday, November 10-13. Performances will begin at 8 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. For further information or reservations call Donald Rowe at 658-0800 x 2518. ▼

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