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- The Southern Literary Trail
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*September 4-7, 2008*

Tennessee Williams Home - Welcome Center  
 300 Main Street  
 Columbus, MS 39701



**SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2008:**  
 RICHARD THOMAS starring in  
*A DISTANT COUNTRY CALLED YOUTH*  
 and *BLANCHE AND BEYOND*



*Tennessee Williams*

*Tribute*

*& Tour of*

*Victorian Homes*

*September 4 - 7, 2008*  
*Columbus, Mississippi*

*Birthplace of poet, author, and playwright*  
*Tennessee Williams*



# 2008 Schedule of Events

The Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, 300 Main Street, is headquarters for the Tribute. Exhibits, books and souvenirs are available from 8:30 am -5:00 pm daily.

## Wednesday, September 3, 2008

**Dr. Jim DePrince** and Mississippi State University floral design students will decorate Tennessee Williams Home-Welcome Center for the week-end festivities.

## Thursday, September 4, 2008

### 2:00 pm

The Friends of the Library and the TWT Committee present **Mia Phoebus** at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library Meeting Room (314 7th St. No.). Her presentation is on



time spent as a confidante of Tennessee Williams in Provincetown when she was a 19 year old student/ poet during the summer of 1940. Mia was the basis for the lead character of Miriam in Williams' previously unpublished play "The Parade" which was performed at the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Festival in 2006. Mia studied at Turtle Bay, Manhattan and the Juilliard Schools of Music. Reception hosted by Friends of the Library. *Free to the public*

### 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Pre-performance reception at **Dr. Claudia Limbert's** home at Mississippi University for Women (1217 College Street) for ticketed patrons, out of town guests, scholars and presenters

### 8:00 pm

**Joe Bonelli**, actor and historian of New Orleans, presents "Tennessee Williams - Broadway and Hollywood Promote A Playwright". Guests may stroll through the Columbus-Lowndes Billups-Garth Archives at the Library and the poster, program and memorabilia collection which Mr. Bonelli assembled for the TWT from collections around the world. The stroll will end in the upstairs Meeting Room where Joe will discuss the significance of the collection and accept questions from the audience. *Free to the public*

## Friday, September 5, 2008

### 8:30 - 9:30

Complimentary Continental Breakfast with the Scholars Puckett House MUW campus (11th Street South between College Street and 3rd Avenue South) Hosted by Main Street Columbus, Director **Amber Murphee**.



### 10 am - Noon

Guided bus tour by Columbus Historic Foundation, **Nancy Carpenter** and **Steve Pieschel**. Points of interest include the Columbus Lowndes Public Library and Billups-Garth Archive, The Stephen D. Lee Home the Florence McLeod Hazard Museum and the Historic District of Columbus. Seating based on availability. *Free to guests and public embarking from the Puckett House*

### 12 Noon

Catered Luncheon by **Ann Freeze** at the Georgian architecture home of **Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders**, 1103 Main Street. *\*Ticket and reservation required Limited seating*



### 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Scholars at the W - Participants **Dr. Angela Tumini**, Modern Languages, University of Mississippi: "Director Pedro Almodovar and the Inspiration of Tennessee Williams" **Dr. Ralph Voss**, English, University of Alabama: "Censorship and the Filming of "Streetcar"" **Brook Hanemann**, Theatre, Mississippi University for Women: "Women of Williams: A Landscape of Desire" *Carrier Chapel, MUW College Street Entrance.*

*Supper on your own at Historic Downtown Columbus restaurants.*

### 7:30 pm

**Richard Thomas** starring in "A Distant Country Called Youth". Richard Thomas comes to Columbus after a 2 year national tour of the play, "Twelve Angry Men". He has distinguished himself as an actor on Broadway, in regional theatre, in the movies and television; as well as, by his works as a producer and director. Richard was 7 years old when he made his Broadway debut in "Sunrise at Campobello" (1958) playing John Roosevelt, son of future president Franklin D. Roosevelt. Thomas became nationally recognized for his portrayal of John "John Boy" Walton, Jr. in the TV series "The Walton's". Richard Thomas received an Emmy for The Walton's. Doors open at Nissan Auditorium (Parkinson Bldg.) on MUW campus for 8:00 pm Curtain. *\*Ticket required*



## Saturday, September 6, 2008

### 8:30 - 9:30

Complimentary Continental Breakfast with the Scholars - Puckett House hosted by Main Street Columbus

### 10:00 - Noon

Scholars at the W - Participants **Mia Phoebus**, Music and Philosophy, Beverly Hills School District, California: "The Philosopher Tennessee Williams" **Beverly Derden Fatherree**, English, Hinds Community College: "Tennessee Williams' Damaged Women" **Dr. Kenneth Holditch**, English, Emeritus, University of New Orleans: "'Oh, God, Can't We Stop Now?': Tennessee Williams Finds Peace" *Carrier Chapel, MUW College Street Entrance.*

### 12:15 - Lunch

Join Chef **Sarah Labensky** for chicken salad and homemade pie at the Front Door/Back Door Restaurant housed with a gourmet shop in a restored 1890's dry goods store at 400 Main Street. *\*Ticket required.*

### 2:00 pm

Saturday Afternoon Movie Matinee - Columbus-Lowndes Public Library Meeting Room - "Night of the Iguana" **Dr. Colby Kullman**-Williams scholar from University of Mississippi - Oxford, Mississippi. leads discussion. *Free to the public and ticket holders Supper on your own at Historic Downtown Columbus restaurants.*

### 6:00 pm

**Richard Thomas** starring in "Blanche and Beyond" - Doors open - 6:00 pm 7:00 pm - Curtain at the Nissan Auditorium on the MUW Campus

### 9:00 pm

"Moon Lake Party" at the Trotter Convention Center - Music by "The Tennessee Tomcats" with vocals by the "Blue Roses". Left to Right: **Debra Atkinson, Cherry Dunn, Margaret Mary Henry**. Party catered by **Celsie Stagger's** Celestial Creations. Wines and spirits cash bar - other libations complimentary.



### Special Co-Sponsors:

Confort Inn- Artists Accomodations  
Rex Rentals - Sanders Home Luncheon  
Wines, Etc. - Moon Lake Party Libations

The Mission of the Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Victorian Homes Committee is the preservation of the Tennessee Williams home, a National Literacy Landmark and the annual celebration of the life and work of Mr. Williams.

## Sunday, September 7, 2008

### 10:30 am

The **Very Reverend James Carlyle's** sermon will focus on the play, "Night of the Iguana", at the worship service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 318 College Street. This is where Tennessee Williams' grandfather, The Reverend Walter Dakin, was rector and where Thomas Lanier Williams was baptized in 1911. (The rectory where Williams lived as a child is now the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and is a National Literary Landmark at 300 Main Street).



### 12:00 Noon

"A Southern Sunday Dinner" *\*Ticket required.* **Beth Proffitt's** A Southern Flair Catering will offer a seated luncheon in the Parish Hall. *Courtyard Entrance, St Paul's Parish Hall, 318 College Street*

### 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p. m.

Tour of Victorian Homes - Directed by Columbus Historic Foundation *\*Tickets available* (between 1:00 and 3:30 pm Sunday) at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center (circa 1875), 300 Main Street, a National Literary Landmark and first home of Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, Tennessee Williams.

The Hopkins Place (circa 1900), 516 4th Street South .The home of **Dr. and Mrs. Buckley Wesley**. Built by Mr. Beverly Hopkins; his son Julian was an early associate of Hopkins Insurance of Columbus. The present owners have artifacts and framed documents related to the history of the house.

The T.O. Burriss Home (circa 1890), 504 5th Street South, the home of **Ms. Jennifer and Katie Rose Miller**. This Victorian "Painted Lady" is completely restored with elegant and appropriate Victorian furnishings and appointments. The history of this home has stories related to the times when it was a restaurant and a boarding house.

The Columbus Historic Foundation will provide free bus tours of the Historic District with tours leaving the Welcome Center at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. *Seating based on availability.*

### Accommodations

Amzi Love-Lincoln Home B&B - 662.328.5413  
Backstrom's Country B&B - 662.328.7213  
Barry House - 662.574.2036  
Cartney Hunt B&B - 662.244.7232  
Comfort Inn - 662.329.2422  
Hampton Inn - 662.328.6720  
Shadowlawn B&B - 662.327.5655  
Wingate Inn - 662.327.9999

A patron may buy a full week-end events ticket package for \$150.00 per person if paid by August 25, 2008. Tickets will be mailed to those who purchase the package by August 18. After August 25, 2008, the full package price will be \$170.00. After August 25, 2008, packages and individual tickets may be picked up at the Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main Street during regular business hours.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Event	Number	Cost	Total
Package of all events paid before August 25	_____x	\$150.00	_____
Package of all events paid after August 25	_____x	\$170.00	_____

### Individual Tickets

**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

Mia Phoebus Public Library Presentation	_____x	<b>FREE</b>	_____
Reception (Patrons) Dr. Claudia Limbert's Home	_____x	\$15.00	_____
Joe Bonelli Library Presentation	_____x	<b>FREE</b>	_____

**Friday, September 5, 2008**

Breakfast with the Scholars	_____x	<b>FREE</b>	_____
Lunch at Sanders Home	_____x	\$25.00	_____
Richard Thomas Performance	_____x	\$25.00	_____
Seniors and Military	_____x	\$20.00	_____
Students with I. D.	_____x	\$10.00	_____

**Saturday, September 6, 2008**

Breakfast with the Scholars	_____x	<b>FREE</b>	_____
Lunch at The Back Door	_____x	\$15.00	_____
Richard Thomas Performance	_____x	\$25.00	_____
Seniors and Military	_____x	\$20.00	_____
Students with I. D.	_____x	\$10.00	_____

Performance & Moon Lake Party at Trotter Convention Center	\$55.00
Moon Lake Party Only	\$40.00

**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

Lunch at St Paul's Episcopal Church	_____x	\$20.00	_____
Tour of Victorian Homes	_____x	\$15.00	_____
Total			_____

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card or on line at [www.columbus-arts.com](http://www.columbus-arts.com) In addition, this form may be mailed with a check for will call to: Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour, 300 Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi. 39701

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