Celebrating America’s great playwright in his childhood home and the Mississippi Delta world of Blanche, Brick, and Baby Doll.

Friday, October 15, 2010

9 a.m. - An Overview of Tennessee’s 1957 screen play: The Loss of a Teardrop Diamond - Keynote: Kenneth Holditch, Whiteside Hall, CCC Campus

10:00 a.m. - Break

10:30 a.m. - Readings from Teardrop & Delta plays by Erma Duricko, Marissa Duricko, Tim Brown, and Jeff Glickman

11:15 a.m. - Comments & reflections on readings, discussion and comparison of Teardrop’s Fisher Willow with other Delta heroines: Blanche, Maggie, Alma by panel moderator Colby Kullman and scholar panelists: Anna Baker, Robert Canon, Coop Cooper, Ann Fisher-Wirth, and Ralph Voss , Whiteside Hall

1:00 p.m. - Seated Lunch, The Gallery, CCC Campus

2:30 p.m. - Robert Rae speaks on Delta Italians in Orpheus Descending

Intermission - Program moves to Delta Cinema, 11 Third Street

4 p.m. - Jodie Markell speaks about her long-standing interest in Tennessee Williams and her experiences filming The Loss of a Teardrop Diamond

4:30 p.m. - Screening of the movie, The Loss of a Teardrop Diamond

7:30 p.m. - Meet and greet actors and scholars - Cocktails & Dinner - The Clark House, Historic home of Clarksdale Founder John Clark, 211 Clark Street

Live drama, Music by Daddy Rich, Jeff Glickman, and the CCC gospel/soul ensemble directed by Kelvin Towers; Cuisine: Chef Robert Rhymes & CCC Culinary students

Saturday, October 16, 2010

2010 Student Drama Competition

8 a.m. - Continental Breakfast for Students/Teachers

9 a.m. Monologue competition

10 a.m. - Scene Competition followed by Stella-calling

11:00 a.m. - Acting Workshop directed by Erma Duricko

12:00 p.m. - Comments about movie and theatre careers from Jodie Markell

12:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. - Organ recital by Jay Westerfaul, organist, St. George’s Episcopal Church, 106 Sharkey Ave.

St. George’s Church Office/ former rectory - a National Literary Landmark - where Tom Williams lived with his grandparents, parents, and sister Rose - will be open to visitors. Clarksdale’s Woman’s Club across from St. George’s Church invites visitors for refreshments and open house

2:30 - 4 p.m. - Porch Plays, - Historic Williams neighborhood

2:30 p.m. - Porch plays No. 1, 415 Court Street; 3 p.m. Porch Play No. 2: 203 Court Street; 3:30 p.m. - Porch Play No. 3: 235 Clark Street; 4 p.m. - Porch Play No. 4 - 91 John Street

5 p.m. - Barbecue supper - Clarksdale Civic Auditorium

5:30 p.m. - Performances by drama winners with commentary by Jodie Markell, Erma Duricko, Tim Brown, Marissa Duricko, Alice Walker, Johnny McPhail, Jeff Glickman, and Sherrye Williams

6 p.m. - Music for dancing -The Eddie Lee Coleman Blues Band