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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

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OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE  
OPENS SEASON WITH A *STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE*

Tennessee William's internationally famous play *A Streetcar Named Desire* opens the Otterbein College Theatre 1990-91 season.

This drama, which won the both the Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics Circle Award, first opened in New York in 1947. Following its debut, *Streetcar* ran for 855 performances and is the only play on record ever to play to absolute capacity and standing room only for its entire first year.

Williams, whose own life was an amazing rags-to-riches tale, is considered by many to be one of the greatest American playwrights of this century. His other well-known works include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *Sweet Bird of Youth*.

*Streetcar* is the story of Blanche DuBois, a gently-reared woman who is the product of the decaying southern aristocracy. Following the sordid ending to her marriage, she comes to New Orleans to live with her sister Stella and Stella's brutish husband Stanley.

Blanche counters the squalid condition of the dreary two-room apartment by assuming airs and clinging to illusions of refinement. Her attitude infuriates Stanley who, in turn, investigates her past to discover the disastrous end to her marriage had driven her to more and more men, to drink and to escape into an artificial dream world.

When Blanche tries to induce Mitch, one of Stanley's more refined friends, to marry her, Stanley reveals her unsavory past. As she loses Mitch, the one person who might have saved her from the pitiful wreck of her life, Blanche descends into a world of alcohol, madness and self-delusion.

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Dr. Donald W. Seay makes his debut as a director at Otterbein with this play. The four leading roles will be filled by Ginger Lee McDermott as Blanche, Carolyn Valentine as Stella, Bill D. Timmins III as Stanley and Keith Berkes as Mitch.

*A Streetcar Named Desire* will be performed Oct. 3-7, 10-14 and 17-21 in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St. in Westerville. The opening night performance is 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

For ticket information, call the box office at 898-1109 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.