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**Argenta Community Theater and ACANSA  
Announce Performances of *A Streetcar Named Desire***

**LITTLE ROCK – The Argenta Community Theater, released the following statement:**

“The Argenta Community Theater is pleased to announce the presentation of *A Streetcar Named Desire* with performances September 17 – 22, 2019. There are 6 scheduled performances including 1 matinee. Tickets are \$30. All proceeds benefit the work of ACANSA ARTS FESTIVAL OF THE SOUTH and the ARGENTA COMMUNITY THEATER. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.acansa.org](http://www.acansa.org) or calling 501.663.2287. Opening night is Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

*A Streetcar Named Desire*, a play by Tennessee Williams, is considered one of the greatest plays in American history. Since first opening on Broadway in 1947, the play has had several revivals winning 13 Tony Awards and the film which made Marlon Brando a legend, was nominated for 12 Academy Awards, winning 4. Blanche DuBois, a woman whose fortunes have changed for the worse, comes to live with her sister Stella and her brother-in-law Stanley in New Orleans. Blanche faces alcoholism, faded beauty, and lost status; she tries to cover up past scandals both as a teacher and in her marriage, all while desperately trying to keep up the appearance and her own delusion that she’s still attractive to men. Stanley, meanwhile, is a primal force, all emotion, passionate, and abusive. The conflict between Stanley and Blanche is inevitable.

*A Streetcar Named Desire* marks the 6<sup>th</sup> collaboration between ACT and ACANSA. This unique partnership highlights the strengths of both organizations’ missions. Unlike other productions at ACT, all actors and technical staff will be paid a stipend for their participation in the production. The following notes Audition information:

**AUDITION NOTICE**

Saturday, July 20, 2019, 10:00 – 4:00 (by appointment)

email [casting@argentacommunitytheater.org](mailto:casting@argentacommunitytheater.org) for an audition slot

Monday, July 22, 2019 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Callbacks if needed)

You will receive an email notice confirming your appointment. ACT encourages all ethnicities and genders to audition! Rehearsals will begin on August 12, 2019. Evening rehearsals will generally run 6pm to 9pm. There will also be rehearsals on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons, but not both. All actors should expect to be called for every rehearsal the 2 weeks prior to tech week. Rehearsals will be broken up by scene and call sheets will be provided to the actors at the first rehearsal. Every effort will be made to maximize the time actors are at rehearsal. *A Streetcar Named Desire* will be directed by Ben Grimes.

**PERFORMANCE DATES**

September 17-22, 2019

Sally Riggs Insalaco Theater at Argenta Community Theater

## CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Roles to be auditioned are as follows. Ages listed represent the age of the age characters. The age and physical requirements listed for each character are a **guide** and are not necessarily final casting requirements.

**All those cast must be at least 18.**

**Stanley Kowalski: (m 30-35)** Muscular, well-built, NOT looking for an imitation Marlon Brando. Stanley is shrewd and manipulative, always “working an angle.” He isn’t as “sure” of himself as he projects. Blanche represents a “reminder” of what Stella gave up to be with him, and thus a threat to his life as he knows it. He is lean, vibrant, radiates energy; has dirt under his nails. Unshakeable world view and must be the king of his castle.

**Harold "Mitch" Mitchell: (m 35-45)** Tall, solidly built, shy, clumsy, but gentle and kind; devoted to his ailing mother; Stanley’s buddy from the war, work and poker; finds himself drawn towards Blanche. Frustrated at still being single, Mitch wants someone who’s “genteel and a lady,” so he can “marry up.” He thinks he’s found that in Blanche. He sweats through his awkwardness, but is sensitive and a gentleman - until he learns the truth about Blanche's sordid past.

**Eunice Hubbell: (f 35-45)** A bit crass and rough around the edges. She’s a good friend to Stella and finds Blanche’s “I’m better than you” airs annoying and insulting. She is Stella’s friend, upstairs neighbor, and landlady.

**Steve Hubbell: (m 35-40)** Same demeanor as his wife – on the crass side and very earthy and friend of Stanley.

**Pablo Gonzales: (m 25-40)** Pablo Gonzales is one of the poker players, who punctuates games with Spanish phrases.

**Young Man: (m 16-17, but will cast someone who is at least 18 years old, because of the nature of the scene)** A Teenager who comes to the Kowalskis’ door to collect for the newspaper when Blanche is home alone. The boy leaves bewildered after Blanche hits on him and gives him a passionate farewell kiss.

**Ensemble Men:** Play multiple parts. Doctor and others.

**Ensemble Women:** Play multiple parts. Nurse and others.