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McPherson Theatre to Present The Glass Menagerie

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Theatre Arts will present one of Tennessee Williams' most celebrated plays, *The Glass Menagerie*. The production will run from Jan. 29 to Feb. 3 in the McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington), beginning at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee held on Feb. 3.

The Glass Menagerie revolves around the Wingfield family of Tom, Laura, and their mother Amanda. The entire play is told from Tom, the narrator's, memory, as he recalls these ghosts of his life from long ago. Amanda lives half in reality and half in the past, frequently reliving the glory days of her youth. She is frustrated with her daughter's almost debilitating shyness due to a physical handicap, a limp, Laura has in one of her legs. Tom shifts between the present and the past, speaking directly to the audience as the Tom of now, and interacting with the other characters within the scene of his memory as the Tom of the past.

Considered one of Tennessee Williams' greatest works, *The Glass Menagerie* won the 1945 New York Drama Critics Circle Award, and has been revived six times on Broadway.

Tickets for *The Glass Menagerie* are \$8 for the general public, and \$1 to students with a valid ID. Senior citizens (aged 65 and over) will receive a \$1 discount.

The McPherson Theatre will end its 2007-08 season with *Love's Labor's Lost*, which will be performed Feb. 26 to Mar. 2.

For additional information or to reserve tickets in advance, contact the McPherson Theatre box office at (309) 556-3232.