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TENNESSEE WILLIAM'S DRAMA, *THE GLASS MENAGERIE* SET TO OPEN  
AT THE VILLAGE THEATRE

The imaginative, enchanting story of a faded Southern belle's efforts to marry off her daughter, as fragile as the glass animals she collects, has been chosen as the next presentation at EIU's Village Theatre. The is *The Glass Menagerie*, the first great success of Tennessee Williams, America's foremost dramatist. Hailed by many as his most human and tender effort, the play will be presented at 7 p.m. February 25, 26, 27, 28 and at 2 p.m. February 29.

The four character play concerns a mother's attempts to mold her two children into an image that is in keeping with her own fantasy about herself. The son works in a warehouse and writes poetry on shoe box lids, and the crippled daughter is too shy even to continue her studies at business school. Into the dingy flat, overlooking a back alley in St. Louis, comes the daughter's first Gentleman Caller -- a big, good-natured Irishman whom the mother has insisted that the son bring home to dinner to meet the sensitive girl. An embarrassing evening ensues, topped by the discovery that the Gentleman Caller is already engaged to be married.

Told with the wise, good humor, the curiously elusive poignancy and the real affection for his characters that distinguish William's at his best, *The Glass Menagerie* was the playwrights first award winning play in a succession that includes some of the American Theatre's most compelling and universally acclaimed dramatic efforts, such as "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Summer and Smoke," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," and many others.

Jerry Eisenhour is directing the show with costumes by Karen Eisenhour (Mrs. John). The setting is by Clarence Blanchette with lighting by David Wolski. The cast includes Timothy Travous, Jr. as the son Tom, Jenni Passig as Amanda, Amber Wagner as Laura, and Luke Gerdes as Jim, the Gentleman Caller.

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Tickets are available at The Village Theatre box office, open daily, Monday through Friday from 2 - 6 p.m. and one hour prior to each performance. Call 217-581-3110 for ticket information and reservations. Seating will be limited!

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