

**Milford Second Street Players**

*proudly present*

**Tennessee Williams'**

**Cat on a  
Hot Tin Roof**

**Directed by Ben Lonski**



**Oct. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10, 2010**

**Riverfront Theatre**

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# CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

## CAST

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Maggie.....	Amy Stone
Brick.....	Adam Southard
Mae .....	Melissa Janson
Gooper .....	Steven Haber
Big Mama.....	Deanna Duby
Big Daddy .....	Steve Twilley
Doc Baugh.....	John Zinzi
Rev. Tooker.....	Scott Fitzgerald
Lacey .....	Justin Hudson
Sookey.....	Renee Harmon

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***Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* is presented in three Acts. The action of the play is continuous, with a 10-minute intermission after Act I, and again after Act II.**

### **Location & Time**

The bed-sitting room and section of the gallery of a plantation home in the Mississippi Delta.  
It is a summer evening in the mid-1950s.

### **Special Thanks To...**

Mike Roots and Rebekah Ottinger for mastering the sound effects tracks.

Heritage of Milford for loaning the sofa and chair.

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## PRODUCTION

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Director.....	Ben Lonski
Assistant Director .....	LeRoy Andrews
Producer .....	Mark Dissinger
Stage Manager .....	Deborah Passwaters
Set Design .....	Ben Lonski
Master Carpenter.....	Chris Annand
Set Construction .....	LeRoy Andrews, Mark Dissinger, Ben Lonski, Amy Stone, Steve Twilley, John & Fior Zinzi
Set Dressing .....	Valerie Andrews
Painter .....	Bill Walton
Lighting Design & Tech .....	Mark Dissinger
Production Assistant .....	Carly Jo Hosbach
Properties.....	Susan Newark
Costumes .....	Valerie Andrews, Cast
Publicity & Playbill .....	Steve Twilley
Tickets.....	Tracy Dissinger & Valerie Andrews
Hospitality .....	Maynard & Eleanor Gregory



## Meet the Cast of



**Amy Stone** (Maggie) makes her Riverfront debut but has appeared at other theatres in such shows as *Steel Magnolias*, *Suddenly Last Summer*, and *Nunsense*. Amy says, "I have loved getting to know some of the SSP family and I am so excited to make my entrée into the theatre community on the Eastern Shore!" She lives in Salisbury with husband, Nathan, and sons, Cade, Dane, and Beckett. Amy is an ABA therapist and educational consultant for children with autism.



**Adam Southard** (Brick) was just seen in SSP's *Moonlight and Magnolias*. He also appeared as the villainous Barnaby in last year's *Babes in Toyland* and was seen in the short film, *Pinheads*. "Cat is such a classic," Adam says, "because it deals with real emotional topics that are relatable to so many people." Away from the theatre, Adam lives with wife, Leah, and their children, Corynn and Ayden, in Dover. He is currently on the staff of Abbott's Grill, here in Milford.



**Melissa Janson** (Mae) is a busy SSP performer, now making her seventh appearance on Riverfront's stage (in addition to several stints as stage crew for other shows). Her favorite shows have been *Dinner with Friends* and *Dearly Departed*. Melissa has also been busy during the show's weeks of rehearsals as she moved into her new Milford condo. "I read *Cat* in high school," she says, "and anything I read that long ago should be considered a classic!"



**Steven Haber** (Gooper) makes his first appearance on the Riverfront stage. He has previously appeared in *Lend Me a Tenor* and was Mother Superior in *Nunsense A-Men!* A computer systems designer, Steven lives in Rehoboth Beach with Eric, his partner of 21 years, and their cats Ginger and Mary Ann. Steven says that he's loved making new theatre-loving friends during *Cat's* rehearsal process, but has often hated the "in season" drive up Route 1 from the beach!



**Deanna Duby** (Big Mama) is also making her Riverfront debut but has an impressive resume of theatre experience. With a graduate degree in theatre, Deanna has taught, directed, and acted professionally. "But acting is my first love!" She has appeared in such shows as *The Glass Menagerie*, *The Bad Seed*, *Picnic*, and as Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. Deanna is a retired attorney who is active in Milton, where she resides, and serves on the Milton Theatre board.

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**Steve Twilley** (Big Daddy) returns to the stage after last appearing as Oscar Madison in SSP's *Oscar & Felix* in '08. He has appeared in and directed several shows at Riverfront and elsewhere (and will direct SSP's *Evita* next spring). "I read *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* when I was 12," Steve says, "but didn't quite 'get it' way back then. It took a while, but I'm grateful to Ben for letting me finally play Big Daddy." Steve lives in Milford with wife Robin, son Tyler, and Jake the Blunder Dog.



**John Zinzi** (Doc Baugh) has been actively involved in community theatre for 25 years and has earned several awards from the Theatre Association of New York State. Since retiring to Delaware with wife, Fior, John has worked with the Milton Theatre, Kent County Theatre Guild, Possum Point Players, and here at Riverfront with SSP. "Ben guided this complex play with a keen eye," John says. He thanks the show's cast and crew for creating this "magic of the theatre!"



**Scott Fitzgerald** (Rev. Tooker) has been too long gone from Riverfront since last being seen in SSP's 2004 production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Other stage appearances include *The Rainmaker* and *Sweeney Todd*. Scott lives in Lincoln with wife Lisa, sons Fin and Liam, and 2-month old daughter Scarlett. Older daughter, Jordan, is a sophomore at East Carolina University ("*Go Pirates!*") In his spare time, Scott helps with the family business, Fitzgerald Salvage and Recycling.



**Justin Hudson** (Lacey) makes his second onstage appearance after previously performing in *Courage in Black and White: The Untold Stories of Delaware's Historic Figures*. He lives in Greenwood with parents, Michael and Anna, and his sister, Madison. Justin is an office assistant at the Harrington Food Lion. "Watching everyone portray these difficult characters has been the best part of this process," he says. "It's been hard work but I've learned so much."



**Renee Harmon** (Sookey) is making her first stage appearance. Thanks to Ben for the opportunity and to the cast and crew for being so welcoming and supportive." Renee is a certified nursing assistant and lives in Millsboro with her son, Késan, and daughter, Sharnaé. She enjoys time with her family, bowling, reading, and playing video games.

# Meet the Production Team of CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF



**Ben Lonski** (Director) makes his directorial debut with *Cat* but has appeared in and been involved, onstage and behind the scenes, in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Dinner With Friends*, *Oscar & Felix*, *The Homecoming*, and *Meshuggah-Nuns!* He also serves on the SSP Board. Ben is a physical therapy assistant at the Milford Center. He lives in Magnolia with his wife Debbie and their children, Troy, Rebecca, Sarah, and Patrick.



**LeRoy Andrews** (Assistant Director) an SSP Board member, has directed SSP's *Jake's Women*, *Ordinary People*, *Meshuggah-Nuns!*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and *Wait Until Dark* among others. His last onstage appearance was in *The Rainmaker*. When not at the theatre, LeRoy is a psychological counselor with Peoples Place. He and his wife, Valerie, live in Houston with Teddy the dog, Zoe the cat, and Para the parakeet.



**Mark Dissinger** (Producer) is a frequent Riverfront director (*Cinderella* and *Fiddler on the Roof* among many others) and performer (*Night Must Fall* and *The Dinner Party* among others) and is SSP's treasurer. "This cast and crew have been great to work with," Mark says. "Ben has directed *Cat* with emotion and thought." Mark lives in Milford with wife, Tracy, and daughter, Libby, and various four-legged creatures. He is the office manager at United States Cold Storage.



**Deborah Passwaters** (Stage Manager) was the magical Sister Amnesia in SSP's *Meshuggah-Nuns!*, the sexy Widow Piper in *Babes in Toyland* and served as rehearsal assistant for *How the Other Half Loves*. She has also appeared in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Grease*, and *Crazy for You*. Outside of the theatre, Debbie enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Debbie is a Milford resident and works as a home health nurse.



The three bearded, bespeckled, behind-the-scenes boys — LeRoy, Ben, and Mark — gather before rehearsal.

## From the director...

As a first-time director, this has been an interesting and exciting experience. The challenges have been many but the rewards have far outweighed them. I want to thank you all for coming to share in this experience.

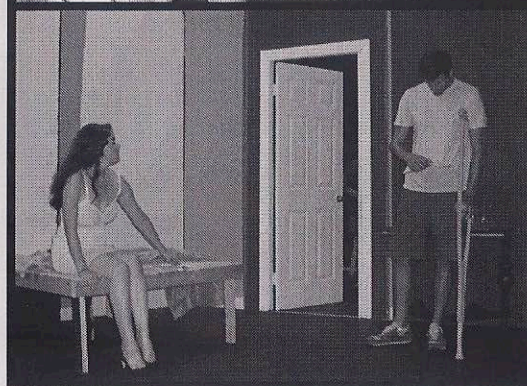
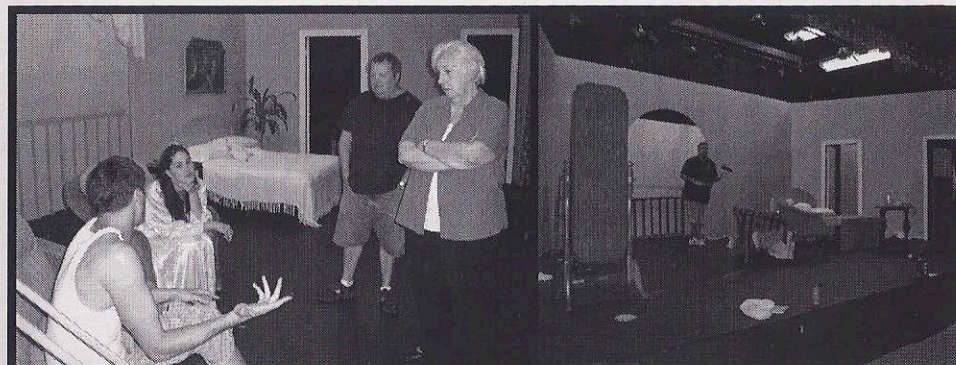
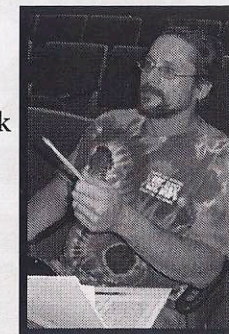
It has been a joy to bring *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* to life on the stage of Riverfront Theatre. I cannot say enough about the members of the cast. They have taken what I have given them and run with it. Each and every one has brought something to the table to make this a better show.

I cannot thank LeRoy Andrews, my assistant director, enough. He has been my rock through the entire process and I could not have done this without my trusted right hand. Mark Dissinger, my producer, has been my go-to guy and has handled anything I needed. Debbie Passwaters, my stage manager, has shown great competence for her first time in this role and it gives me great comfort to turn this show over to her.

Without all of these people, none of what you see onstage would have been possible.

Sit back, enjoy the show, and I hope no one leaves with Big Daddy's favorite word on their lips — "Crap!"

*Ben Lonski*



Through hours and hours of set and character construction, the crew and cast of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* create the Pollitt family's Mississippi Delta home...and the characters that live within its walls and galleries.