



**For Immediate Release**

September 12 – October 15, 2023

Bridge Street Theatre presents  
Tennessee Williams' Classic American Drama

**THE GLASS MENAGERIE**

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Artwork by Dina Bursztyn

**Tennessee Williams' Classic "The Glass Menagerie" Comes to Catskill**

One of just a handful of undisputed classics of the American stage, Tennessee Williams' haunting "The Glass Menagerie" arrives at Bridge Street Theatre's intimate "Priscilla" Mainstage, located at 44 West Bridge Street in Catskill, NY, for a two-weekend run October 5 – 15, 2023.

William's poetically autobiographical memory play premiered in 1944 and catapulted its young author from obscurity into fame (and notoriety). BST will be presenting Williams' moving remembrance of family ties, lost dreams, and shattered illusions incorporating elements from Williams' original, pre-production draft of the script, and utilizing the incidental music composed for the initial production by author and composer Paul Bowles. The theatre has assembled a spectacular cast (three of whom will be making their Bridge Street Theatre debuts). Local actors Leigh Strimbeck (BST's "The Lion in Winter" and "Lewiston) and Sarah Jayne Rothkopf star as Amanda Wingfield and her daughter Laura, with Pennsylvania-based actor Brett Mack as Tom, and Los Angeles-based actor Russell Sperberg as Jim O'Connor (the Gentleman Caller). Bridge Street Theatre Associate Artist Steven Patterson directs, with sets and lighting design by John Sowle, costumes by Michelle Rogers, and artwork by Dina Bursztyn. Production Stage Manager is Hannarose Manning.

"Our intention here at Bridge Street is always to illuminate, as clearly and theatrically as possible, the playwright's original intent rather than trying to impose an interpretation of our own on the text," says director Steven Patterson. "And with this magnificent cast, culled from across the country, audiences can expect a deep dive into what Williams was truly after when he first created this poignant, fragile, deeply moving remembrance of his own family."

"The Glass Menagerie" will play for eight performances only, October 5 – 15. Thursday – Saturday performances begin at 7:30pm, with Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Discounted advance tickets are available for \$28 online at [bridgest.org/the-glass-menagerie-tickets/](https://bridgest.org/the-glass-menagerie-tickets/). Seats at the door are \$30. All tickets for patrons ages 18 and under are \$15. Additionally, any remaining seats for the preview performance on Thursday evening October 5 and the Sunday afternoon matinee on October 8 will be sold at the door on a "Pay What You Will" basis. Just show up before curtain time and pay whatever you feel you can afford for any seat that's still available. Doors always open one-half hour before curtain time.

Experience one of the most moving plays in the American canon in a production that brilliantly honors its original intentions. Want more details? Just visit the theatre's website at [bridgest.org/the-glass-menagerie/](https://bridgest.org/the-glass-menagerie/).

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## **Performance Calendar:**

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Directed by Steven Patterson  
Set and Lighting Design by John Sowle  
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Bridge Street Theatre's "Priscilla" Mainstage  
44 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY

Thursday October 5 @ 7:30pm ("Pay What You Will" preview)  
Friday October 6 @ 7:30pm (Opening Night)  
Saturday October 7 @ 7:30pm  
Sunday October 8 @ 2:00pm ("Pay What You Will" performance)  
Thursday October 12 @ 7:30pm  
Friday October 13 @ 7:30pm  
Saturday October 14 @ 7:30pm  
Sunday October 15 @ 2:00pm (Closing performance)

**Tickets:**

Advance tickets available at <https://bridgest.org/the-glass-menagerie-tickets/>  
\$28 General Admission, 18 & under \$15  
Tickets can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance (on a space available basis) for \$30, 18 & under \$15