



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tennessee Williams's sultry SUMMER AND SMOKE burns up the stage at NVA May 27 – June 20.**

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**CARLSBAD, CA. April 19, 2010.** NVA's Ninth Season concludes with Tennessee Williams's American classic **SUMMER AND SMOKE**, directed by NVA Executive Artistic Director Kristianne Kurner. **SUMMER AND SMOKE** features Williams's most complete female character in Alma Winemiller, the minister's daughter caught up in a romantic relationship with the hedonistic doctor next door. The play features Moxie Theatre co-founder Jo Anne Glover as Alma, new NVA Ensemble member John DeCarlo as Dr. John Buchanan with Ensemble members Dana Case and Jack Missett as Alma's parents, and a cast of fourteen bringing this sultry play to life. The production will be playing at New Village Arts Theatre (2787 State Street, Carlsbad Village) from May 27 – June 20, 2010. The official opening night is May 29 at 8 PM. Tickets can be purchased at [www.NewVillageArts.org](http://www.NewVillageArts.org) or by calling 760-433-3245.

A steamy and poetic American classic by Tennessee Williams, **SUMMER AND SMOKE** tells the story of Alma (Jo Anne Glover), a minister's daughter, and John (John DeCarlo), the hedonistic doctor next door. In her search for spirituality and lasting love, Alma is confronted with John's need for sensual fulfillment. Their turbulent relationship becomes an emotional battle of wills that alters each of them irrevocably. Riveting and intense, this masterpiece takes the audience through the heart of a Mississippi summer.

Tennessee Williams, dramatist and fiction writer, is one of the greatest playwrights in American history. He is best known for his powerful plays, *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. In addition to twenty-five full length plays, Williams produced dozens of short plays and screenplays, two novels, a novella, sixty short stories, over one-hundred poems and an autobiography. Among his many awards, he won two Pulitzer Prizes and four New York Drama Critics' Circle Awards. His influence to American theatre and acting cannot be overestimated.

Director Kristianne Kurner is the co-founder and Executive Artistic Director of New Village Arts and has directed numerous shows, including the award-winning *Sailor's Song* by John Patrick Shanley and Lyle Kessler's *Orphans*, Eisa Davis' *Bulrusher*, Annie Weisman's *Be Aggressive* and most recently *The Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris and *The Man Who* by Peter Brook and Marie Helene Estienne, based on the Oliver Sacks book *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat*. In addition to directing, Ms. Kurner also works as an actor and designer.

The cast includes NVA Ensemble Members Dana Case, John DeCarlo and Jack Missett with Brian Abraham, Aimee Burdette, Lisa Dempsey, Sam Floto, Jonah Gercke, Jo Anne Glover, Nadia Guevara, David Macy-Beckwith, LiAnne Mufson, Jared Spears and Roma Watkins.

"a gently torrid parable of body and soul" – The New York Times

"highly charged and yet unexpectedly entertaining, warm and funny" – The Stage Newspaper, London

Ticket prices range from \$25 - \$30 for all performances, with the exception of two pay-what-you-can previews on May 27 & 28 at 8 PM. Showtimes are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 PM; Saturdays at 3 PM & 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. The theatre is located in the heart of Carlsbad Village, at 2787 State Street. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.NewVillageArts.org](http://www.NewVillageArts.org) or calling 760-433-3245.

## **FACT SHEET**

### *SUMMER AND SMOKE*

Written by Tennessee Williams

Directed by Kristianne Kurner\*

### CAST

Alma Winemiller: **Jo Anne Glover**

John Buchanan, Jr.: **John DeCarlo\***

The Reverend Winemiller: **Jack Missett\***

Mrs. Winemiller: **Dana Case\***

Dr. Buchanan: **David Macy Beckwith**

Rosa Gonzales: **Nadia Guevara**

Papa Gonzales: **Brian Abraham**

Nellie Ewell: **Aimee Burdette**

Mrs. Bassett: **LiAnne Mufson**

Roger Doremus: **Jared Spears**

Mr. Kramer/Dusty: **Sam Floto**

Rosemary: **Lisa Dempsey**

Alma, as a child: **Roma Watkins**

John, as a child: **Jonah Gercke**

Set Design by Resident Designer Tim Wallace\*; Costume Design by Mary Larson; Light Design by Karin Filijian; Sound Design by Adam Brick\*; Properties Design by Resident Designer Bonnie Durben\*; Stage Managed by Sam Sherman\*.

**\*NVA Ensemble Member**

Two Pay-What-You-Can Previews May 27 & 28 at 8 PM

Opening Night Saturday, May 29 at 8 PM, run continues thru June 20, Thursdays & Fridays at 8 PM; Saturdays at 3 PM & 8 PM; Sundays at 2 PM

Tickets: \$30 General Admission/\$25 Senior, Student, Military/\$22 Groups of 6 or more

Purchase Tickets: [www.NewVillageArts.org](http://www.NewVillageArts.org); 760-433-3245.

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