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## The One Man Traveling Tennessee Williams Festival to Open May 1

### New Life to Tennessee Williams

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The play serves as a dramatic unfolding as Roby discovers a hidden metaphor in Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' as the individuals he meets along the way help solidify and defend his thesis. The characters include Tennessee Williams' last personal assistant, one of Williams' most beloved cousins, his former Key West exterminator, a couple of actresses, a few scholars, personal friends and quite possibly the oldest surviving audience member to see Williams' very first produced play Cairo! Shanghai! Bombay!

Part comedy, part drama, part mystery, part journalism, 'sometimes there's God so quickly' investigates one playwright's obsession with another playwright's obsession. In anticipation of his tour, Roby will present a special copyright-free podcast presentation on iTunes.

Considered one of the leading interpreters of Williams' work, Roby recently received rave reviews for his portrayal of Brick in 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' at Seacoast Repertory Theatre in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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