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Tennessee Williams Festival to Include 2nd Acting Competition

Southern Register (The Center for the Study of Southern Culture Newsletter), Spring 1996

The fourth annual Tennessee Williams Festival to be held October 17-19, 1996, in Clarksdale will include a drama competition for high school students in Mississippi, with prizes totaling \$2,000 for the winners.

The festival will also include workshops for teachers and for student actors, presentations by Williams authorities and friends, several performances, tours of the house and neighborhood where the playwright lived as a child, and a prayer service at St. George's Episcopal Church.

November

Barry Hannah nominated for Pulitzer Prize

The Daily Mississippian, 4 November 1996

Barry Hannah, the Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi, has been nominated for the 1996 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction for his recently published collection of short stories High Lonesome.

December

'Ghosts of Mississippi' recalls slain Civil Rights activist

(Added 11 December 1996)

In 1963, Mississippi Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers was shot to death outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. The accused killer, white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith, was brought to

trial twice for the murder but both times was released because of hung juries. This new film, directed by Rob Reiner and starring Alec Baldwin, Whoopi Goldberg, James Woods, and Craig T. Nelson, tells of how Beckwith was convicted of the crime thirty years after the murder. The movie was filmed on location in Jackson. It is scheduled for release 20 December 1996. From Columbia Pictures/Castle Rock Entertainment.