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At the four-day Festival, Beyond Success: Tennessee Williams and Eugene O'Neill, the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival (TW Festival) offers a delightful theater and travel experience to discover Provincetown, rated one of 'the best small towns in America' for its beauty and culture.*

Both America's great playwrights, Eugene O'Neill in the 1920's and Tennessee Williams in the 1940s, composed some of their best-loved masterpieces by the sand dunes and waters of Provincetown. Today it continues to offer the charm of an old fishing village, the vitality of artistic freedom, and

lodging and restaurants to fulfill the simplest to most sophisticated tastes.

TW Festival Executive Director Jef Hall-Flavin said, "We make sure our festival-goers have unforgettable memories of their visit here. They experience great drama, mingle and laugh with actors, have a cocktail watching an astounding sunset over the water, and are moved by music and inspired by art, all during the most exquisite fall season at the lower prices." In addition to a range of discount ticket deals, the TW Festival's restaurant and lodging partners also offer generous discounts for visitors. **

David Kaplan, curator of the TW Festival added, "Both Williams and O'Neill shared a passion for bold experiments after they had achieved fame, Audiences will be surprised to discover some of these dramatists' most counter-cultural and satirical plays. We present acclaimed shows from around the country and around the world. This year we welcome companies from Russia and South Africa." ***

Some of the unusual places where the plays will be set are: -Napi's Restaurant...in the upstairs bar surrounded by a magnificent collection of Provincetown art (Saloon Songs and

Stage Moms) -On a wharf...in the Wharf House at the newly refurbished Provincetown Marina. The building is famous for its the iconic photos of Portuguese women that look out to sea from its walls. (O'Neill's The Hairy Ape) -On the beach...overlooking Provincetown Harbor (the silent film of O'Neill's Anna Christie with live music) -Velvet Lounge, a private dance club and bar (Williams' In the Bar of a Tokyo Hotel) -Riley's T-shirt Shop...among the beach umbrellas and sunglasses. (O'Neill's Marco Millions and Williams' Kirche Kuche Kinder, outrageous satires with music.)

This year, Brian Dennehy, the brilliant award-winning film and stage actor and interpreter of O'Neill's complex characters, will offer a Master Class in Acting at the historic Town Hall.

One festival attendee summed it up: "There's just something bracing about walking out of a play, smelling the coastal air and realizing that there's no town like Provincetown. That it hosts such a rich and inventive festival every September is practically a miracle."

"We invite everyone to our beautiful town for the full festival experience," said TW Festival Board President Patrick Falco, "To put their toes in the sand, stroll the lively shops and be excited to discover the O'Neill and Williams they don't know." *Travel and Leisure, Forbes, Smithsonian, Coastal Living, and Business Insider among others in recent years. **See special deals on where to stay and where to dine here: www.twptown.org/visit and info on discount passes here: <http://www.twptown.org/discount-passes> ***See the entire program of shows and parties here www.twptown.org/shows

Attached are images of Wharf House, Napi's Restaurant, "The Parade" on the beach at the TW Festival 2015.

The Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival was founded in 2006 in the birthplace of modern American Theater where Williams worked on many of his major plays during the 1940s. The four day TW Fest is the nation's largest performing arts festival dedicated to celebrating and expanding the understanding of the full breadth of the work of America's great playwright. Theater artists from around the globe perform classic and innovative productions to celebrate Williams' enduring influence today. The Fest has offered 11 premieres of Williams' plays, many of which have travelled to other cities. It will take place in various venues in the seaside village of Provincetown from Thursday, September 22 through Sunday, September 25, 2016. For more details visit www.twptown.org. See us on [Facebook](#). This TW Festival is funded in part by Mass Humanities and the Provincetown Tourism Fund Sage Inn and Lounge is the presenting sponsor.