

## Production Notes

It's the Summer of 1955 and it's hot in the Mississippi Delta, where 'Big Daddy' Pollitt, the richest plantation owner around, is celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday.

His family are gathered around him, including his long-suffering wife, Big Mama, his sons Gooper, with his wife and five small children, and Brick, an ageing football star who has turned to drink, with his feisty wife Maggie, the 'cat' of the title. As the evening unfolds, family tensions fast emerge, then rise to boiling point. Greed, jealousy, frustration, loneliness and the fear of impending death all combine in a ferocious cocktail of dysfunctional family relationships.

This Pulitzer Prize winning play was Williams' personal favourite, and his most passionate exploration of human frailty.

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# Cat

The Patesian Players  
proudly present

# on a Hot Tin Roof

By Tennessee Williams  
Directed by Rory O'Sullivan

The Playhouse, Cheltenham  
12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> April



# Production Team

Front of House Manager	Richard Elgood
Publicity	Pat Breckon
Costumes	Yvonne Shelmerdine
Set builder	David Sunderland
Sound	Mike Webster
Lighting	Rory Lucas
Stage Manager	Lizzi Fortin
Directed by	Rory O'Sullivan

# Setting

Place: The Pollitt Plantation, Mississippi Delta

Date: Summer 1955

The action takes place over an evening in the bed-sitting room of Brick and Maggie Pollitt.

There are three brief additional scenes between Act II and Act III.

# Cast

Maggie	Rosie Breckon
Brick	Chris Carter
Big Daddy	Fred Pope
Big Mama	Gemma Wheeler
Gooper	Edward Derbyshire
Mae	Shirley Halse
Rev. Tooker	Todd Beamish
Dixie	Cleo Turley
Buster	William McWhistler
Trixie	Martha Pawley
Daisy	Milly Brierley Jones
Belle	Caitlin Devlin
Grace	Lydie Sheehan