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EDWARD ALBEE'S PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING "A DELICATE BALANCE" OPENS IN STOWE, VERMONT

Stowe Theatre Guild's Third Show of the Season Explores Loss, Fear and Escape from Reality

Stowe, Vt (July 23, 2008) In a departure from the summer's roster of musicals and comedies, [Stowe Theatre Guild](#) and director Tom Carder dig deep to present A DELICATE BALANCE, the 1967 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by Edward Albee. The play, considered by many to be the playwright's most challenging work, portrays a couple whose marriage is foundering. The wife's alcoholic sister and their marriage-challenged daughter are seeking refuge with them, as are their best friends, a couple who have had a frightening experience.

Playwright Albee is considered one of the foremost playwrights of the Twentieth Century, and now, in the Twenty-first and at the age of eighty he has just completed a run of his new play, which ran Off-Broadway. Fittingly, Albee was one of the founders of "Off-Broadway" in the 1960's, and a co-founder of new-works theatre The Playwright's Unit, which spawned a "Who's Who" of writers, including Sam Shepard, Lanford Wilson, John Guare, Terrence McNally, Paul Zindel and Mart Crowley.

Director Carder muses that some say the play is about "the right of privacy and the obligations of friendship—or when our friends make demands on us and we fail them." He welcomed the task of presenting A DELICATE BALANCE because of its challenging nature, and feels that a serious dramatic work is a welcome addition to the Stowe Theatre Guild's summer schedule.

Players include Russ Longtin, head of the theatre program at Johnson State College as husband Tobias, and Janet Dufresne as his wife Agnes, whose main concern at the start of the play is that she is quite possibly losing her mind. Megan Carder, no stranger to husband/director Tom's directorial productions, plays alcoholic sister Claire. Jennifer Tuck is daughter Julia, Dennis McSorley is best friend Harry, and Louise Mueller, who appeared in Carder's MORNING'S AT SEVEN in 2006, plays Edna, his wife.

Performances of A DELICATE BALANCE are Wednesdays through Saturdays, August 13 through August 30, 8:00 pm, at the Town Hall Theatre, 67 Main Street in the village of Stowe. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (the play contains mature content and themes), and are available online at tickets@stowetheatre.com. For more information call 802 253 3961. The Town Hall Theatre is air conditioned and handicap accessible.

The Stowe Theatre Guild is a non-profit volunteer community theatre organization, pledged to offer the best local theatre experience in New England and offering diverse, quality productions in a premier facility. For over 50 years, Stowe Theatre's mission has included drawing from and giving back to the community. The 2008 Summer Season confirms these goals. Further testament of the commitment to community is the development of new works, as presented by Stowe Theatre Guild veteran Carole Vasta-Folley's comedy PRONOUNCING GLENN. For more information on The Stowe Theatre Guild, including show times, volunteering, purchasing tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more, visit www.stowetheatre.com. ###