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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Despite Fire, Red Barn Anniversary Season Opens with Glass Menagerie**

Jackson's Point, Ontario –

Two months after the fire, The Red Barn Theatre will begin its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick with our production ***THE GLASS MENAGERIE*** (June 18- July 4).

The play revolves around the Wingfield's family struggles to improve their lives: mother Amanda, a single parent, determined for change; son Tom, rebellious and daughter Laura, withdrawn. Tom seeks release and adventure at the movies and midnight wanderings. Amanda has her memories of a Southern girlhood, hoping to connect past and present by finding a "gentleman caller" for her own daughter. This entertaining memory play uses humour and pathos to examine a family unraveling, lost in their individual fantasies and dreams.

**Fiona Reid**, one of Canada's most celebrated actresses, will be starring in our production of Tennessee William's classic directed by Jordan Merkur. Having starred at every major theatre across Canada (including the Shaw and Stratford Festivals and CanStage), Ms. Reid is the recipient of two Dora Awards, a Jessie Award and a Gemini Nomination. Ever since audiences first came to know and love her as Larry's wife on TV's *King of Kensington*, she has been wowing legions of fans with her comic talent, dramatic range and emotional honesty. Fiona Reid was born to play "Amanda Wingfield" and The Red Barn Theatre is honoured to have one of Canada's favourite leading lady headlining our Diamond Anniversary Season.

We are also very excited to announce that **Jonathan Crombie** will join us direct from starring on Broadway in *The Drowsy Chaperone* to play "Tom" in *The Glass Menagerie*. Jonathan Crombie is internationally known to audiences as "Gilbert Blythe" in all three installments of the *Anne of Green Gables* mini-series. Jonathan's credits also include two seasons on the hit TV series *Slings and Arrows* and as "Romeo" at The Stratford Festival. **Michelle Monteith** will play "Laura", a role for which she won The Montreal English Critics Circle Award as Best Actress. **Brendan Murray**, who has played major roles at The Centaur Theatre, The Citadel Theatre and The National Arts Centre, will play the gentlemen caller "Jim".

Join us this season and pay tribute to The Red Barn's rich legacy. We need your support now more than ever.

Subscriptions, Flexpaks and Single Tickets are on sale now! Call the Box Office at 905 722 3249, 1 888 733 2276 or visit [www.redbarntheatre.ca](http://www.redbarntheatre.ca) for more information. The onsite box office is located at the Stephen Leacock Theatre, 130 Gwendolyn Blvd., Keswick.

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