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**SD Central Library Launches *Theater Talk* Series with Presentations on Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire* and Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple***

**San Diego, CA...** The San Diego Public Library launches *Theater Talk*, an occasional lecture and discussion series on theatre and drama. The inaugural program is on **Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 563 of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. Playwright and writer David Wiener will curate and launch the series with a presentation on two American stage mega hits, Tennessee William's groundbreaking drama *A Streetcar Named Desire* and Neil Simon's gold-standard comedy *The Odd Couple*. Part of the library's "talk series," which includes literature, philosophy, mythology and science, *Theater Talk* is designed as an exciting opportunity to participate in lively discussions about favorite plays as well as the place of theater in American expressive arts.

This inaugural *Theater Talk* will focus on behind-the-scenes stories about *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *The Odd Couple*. Topics covered will include development of the scripts, the business deals, casting struggles, production issues, and the creative clashes that almost doomed these famous plays before the curtain could go up. This event is free and open to the public.

David Wiener has over 70 productions to his credit including plays and staged readings in the U.S. as well as overseas. He's the author of *Burns, Falls, and Crashes* and contributes widely to play anthologies and theater reference books. His articles have appeared in publications as varied as *Cahiers du Cinéma*, *American Cinematographer*, *Producers Guild Journal*, and *The Journal of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain*. He's a current Board Member of the Horton Plaza Theatre Foundation which oversees San Diego Repertory Theatre at the Lyceum.

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