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Beck Center For The Arts Asks The Question *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

Lakewood, OH—Beck Center for the Arts opens the first play in the Studio Theater of the 85th Season with ***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*** Written by three time Tony Award® Winner Edward Albee, this American masterpiece gives life to one of the theater's most memorable couples. Winner of five Tony Awards®, Albee's work dazzles with dialogue and unforgettable characters. Running October 5 through November 4, 2018 in the Studio Theater. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are on sale now. Use promotional code COCKTAIL to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased before October 4.

Called... "a brilliant piece of writing" by *New York Herald-Tribune*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* unfolds before us as George, a professor at a small college, and his wife, Martha, have just returned home, drunk from a Saturday night party. Martha, much to her husband George's displeasure, has invited the opportunistic new professor and his wife to their home for a night-cap. Over the course of the evening, George and Martha use their guests as pawns in increasingly cruel mind games, leading to a devastating revelation.

"*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* is one of those seminal works that impacted the landscape of the culture. It is still a shocking play that defies our expectations of what civil behavior and social interaction should be," says director Don Carrier, Interim Director of the Case Western Reserve University/Cleveland Play House MFA Acting Program. Mr. Carrier's team includes a cast comprised of Derdriu Ring as Martha, Michael Mauldin as George, Becca Ciamacco as Honey, and Daniel Telford as Nick. Derdriu and Michael appear courtesy of the Actors' Equity Association (AEA). Design team includes Aaron Benson as set designer, Angie Hayes as sound designer, Carolyn Dickey as costume designer and Adam Ditzer as lighting designer.

Ticket prices from \$12 to \$33. For a limited quantity for all performance dates, \$10 SMART SEATS® at a Smart Price, are available. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Preview performance is the Thursday before opening night, October 4. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available. For more information visit beckcenter.org or call Beck Center Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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