

Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" Performed at Southampton Cultural Center

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Edward Albee's Pulitzer-Prize winning drama, "A Delicate Balance" appears on the Southampton Village stage of the Southampton Cultural Center (SCC) this winter. Opening on Friday, January 10, 2020, and continuing through Sunday, January 26, 2020, the taunt drama has seen stars Katharine Hepburn, Glenn Close, Elaine Stritch, Martha Plimpton, John Glover, John Lithgow, George Grizzard and others bring "A Delicate Balance" to life in various stage or film productions since the play opened on Broadway at the Martin Beck Theatre on September 22, 1966.

"A Delicate Balance" went on to win the 1967 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, a Drama Desk Award and three Tony Awards.

The play—exploring the ways fear (and avoidance) manifest and unfolds—opens by shattering the complacent life of the wealthy middle-aged couple Agnes and Tobias, whose household includes Agnes's witty live-in alcoholic sister Claire, with the arrival of longtime friends Harry and Edna. The pair seek refuge from an encroaching and nameless fear which is forcing them to flee their home. Harry and Edna acquiesce.

On their heels arrives Julia, the bitter 36-year old daughter of Agnes and Tobias, who decides to move in with her parents after her fourth marriage collapses. The unexpected expansion and new household dynamic threaten to topple Agnes and Tobias's previous life, shifting more than one delicate balance.



Performing at SCC in "A Delicate Balance" are Bonnie Grice, Kristin Whiting, Tamara Salkin and JoAnna Mincarelli. Photo by Dane DuPuis. Courtesy Southampton Cultural Center.

The SCC production is directed by Joan M. Lyons and stars Bonnie Grice, John Leonard, Joanna Mincarelli, Tamara Salkin, Kristin Whiting and Scott Wilson.

Performances take place on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. on the stage of The Levitas Center for the Arts of the Southampton Cultural Center, located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, NY, across from Agawam Park.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students under 21 years old. Group rates are available. In addition, Brunch and Dinner Packages are available with five area restaurants to choose from. Prices range from \$47 to \$70 for packages paired with dining at Edgewater Restaurant, Le Chef Southampton, Claude's Restaurant, Fellingham's Restaurant Sports Bar or The Plaza Cafe of Southampton Inn.

[Click here](#) to reserve a ticket or call 631-287-4377.



Claire, played by Kristin Whiting, with her brother-in-law Tobias, played by John Leonard, in Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" at Southampton Cultural Center. Photo by Dane DuPuis. Courtesy SCC.

BASIC FACTS: Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" is performed at Southampton Cultural Center (SCC) from January 10 to 26, 2020. Performances take place on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 pm. Admission is \$25 for Adults; \$15 for students or Brunch/Dinner Packages ranging from \$47 to \$70 and include admission. [Click here](#) to reserve a ticket or call 631-287-4377.

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