

Edward Albee's famous one act plays "The Zoo Story" and "The American Dream" to be presented

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Two of Edward Albee's most famous one act plays, "The Zoo Story" and "The American Dream," staged and directed by the author, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, October 20, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

The evening of one acts is titled "Albee Directs Albee" and it offers the audience a rare chance to see the two plays through the playwright's eyes. Albee handpicked the professional actors who travel with the show but he does not accompany the production.

Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was the dramatic, and controversial, hit of the 1962-63 Broadway season. Today, 15 years and two Pulitzer Prizes later, Albee is still considered one of America's most controversial playwrights.

"The Zoo Story," Albee's first play, was written in 1958. "The American Dream" was written two years later. They were both staged off-Broadway and were described by The New York Times as "dense, difficult works of great intensity."

Albee himself calls his directing a second career that he has been sneaking up on over the years. He started directing his own plays, in revivals, as early as 1963 and has since directed plays by other authors including "The Palace at 4 a.m." by Howard Moss. Two years ago he directed the Broadway revival of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" with Colleen Dewhurst and Ben Gazzara in the lead roles.

Tickets for "Albee Directs Albee" are \$5.50 for general admission and \$3 for students. Tickets are available through the UCSD Central Box Office, 452-4559.

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