CATS Theatre Event

CATS Tennis invites members and guests to a play and optional dinner afterwards on **Sunday, February 19 at 2 PM**. The award-winning musical is ***Violet*** at Northwestern University Campus.

**Violet**

Music by Jeanine Tesori Lyrics and book by Brian Crawley

Based on “The Ugliest Pilgrim” by Doris Betts Directed by Mikael Burke

As a girl, Violet was struck by a wayward axe blade when her father was chopping wood, leaving her with a visible scar across her face. With enough money finally saved, she’s traveling across the Deep South in 1964 towards a miracle – the healing touch of a TV evangelist who will make her beautiful. Along the way, a chance encounter with a young Black soldier forces Violet to confront the ugliness of racism and the possibility for true transformation and self-acceptance.

Winner of the Drama Critics’ Circle Award and Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical when it premiered Off-Broadway in 1997, and then on to a Tony-nominated Broadway debut in 2014 with a revised version, *Violet* is a moving musical featuring a show-stopping score from Tony-winning composer Jeanine Tesori (*Caroline, or Change; Thoroughly Modern Millie; Shrek; Fun Home).*

**[Where: Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Dr, Evanston, IL](https://maps.google.com/maps?z=10&t=m&q=Ethel%20M.%20Barber%20Theater,%2030%20Arts%20Cir%20Dr,%20Evanston,%20IL,%2060208" \t "_blank)**

Located on the southeast part of the Evanston Campus, just off Sheridan Road and Campus Drive. The Barber Theatre is at the top of the hill facing the lake, right next to the Block Museum, in the Arts Circle. **Parking at NU theatre is free.**

**Cost: $10** Payment can be made in cash, check (payable to CATS) or also via Zelle to [catstreas@gmail.com](mailto:catstreas@gmail.com) . In the “Message” field, enter CATS Theatre

**Optional Dinner: Prairie Moon, 1635 Chicago Ave in downtown Evanston,** near Church St., across from Whole Foods and near NU (5 min). Each person pays for their own meal. Paid street parking or parking garage one block north of Church.

**Contact: Talk to Bill Himmelmann on Wednesday nights, or contact him at 708-280-4238 or** [**barnsdale1949@att.net**](mailto:barnsdale1949@att.net)