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Burl Ives Sheds Big Daddy's Suit

Actor and singer Burl Ives has given the suit he wore as Big Daddy in Tennessee Williams's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" to his alma mater, Eastern Illinois University, in Charleston, Ill. The 82-year-old Ives played Big Daddy on Broadway and then in the movie version that starred Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman.

The suit will be housed in the Burl Ives Art Studio Hall along with other memorabilia from Ives's career.

Costner's Second Thoughts

Actor Kevin Costner, in an interview published this week in the Nashville Tennessean, says he almost turned down the starring role

in "JFK." His concern for the feelings of the Kennedy family caused him to hesitate, "but I finally decided the issues the movie raises were too important not to be said, even though I still am uneasy about that," Costner said. "I sincerely hope the family will appreciate that."

Costner plays New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who claims to have uncovered a right-wing military conspiracy to assassinate the president. Costner says he doesn't believe all of director Oliver Stone's views, but he does believe there was a cover-up. "All those documents which the government sealed until 2029 should be opened now so that we can learn what happened," Costner said.

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