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Quick Facts

- "The Glass Menagerie," a four-character play that originally premiered in the 1940s, opens Feb. 12 in Johnson Theatre.
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- Tickets are \$8 with a Winthrop ID and \$15 to the general public. It is a cultural event.



ROCK HILL, S.C. — When Winthrop University cancelled classes due to inclement weather in late January, most students played in the snow or enjoyed their day off.

For the students cast in the **Department of Theatre and Dance's** newest production, **Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie,"** it was a chance to work even harder: they met in their residence halls to work on their lines.

"This has been a great cast to work with it," said Director Russell Luke. "They have all given 1,000 percent and have worked very hard. They are very excited about this production, and so am I."

"The Glass Menagerie," a four-character play that originally premiered in the 1940s, opens Feb. 12 in **Johnson Theatre**. Show times are 8 p.m. Feb. 12-15 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 16. Tickets are \$8 with a Winthrop ID and \$15 to the general public. It is a cultural event.

Williams' semi-autobiographical drama focuses on a young poet Tom Wingfield (played by **Jonathon Hoskins** of Rock Hill); his overbearing yet loving

mother Amanda Wingfield (**Julia Benfield** of Fort Mill); his fragile sister Laura Wingfield (**Elizabeth Byouk** of Greenville, S.C.); and the sister's "gentleman caller" Jim O'Connor (**Brandon Byron** of Indian Land, S.C.).

Tom's father has abandoned the Wingfield family long ago. While Tom works at a shoe warehouse to support them, his mother worries about the future of Tom's sister Laura. She becomes obsessed with finding a suitor for Laura, though Laura is shy and would rather spend time with the glass figurines she collects.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office. Box office hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the week the production is open and an hour before curtain. Call 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu for tickets.

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