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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Meryl Streep, Johnny Depp, Anna Kendrick and more star in the Oscar-nominated film adaptation of Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods.”

Now see the Tony Award-winning musical as it is meant to be seen — on the stage—as Winthrop University’s Department of Theatre and Dance, in collaboration with the Department of Music, presents “Into the Woods” beginning Feb. 18 in Johnson Theatre.

What happens after “happily ever after”? The 21-member cast will answer that question in this beloved retelling of Grimm Brothers’ classics, including “Cinderella” and “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Cursed by an old witch, a childless couple ventures into the woods to find ingredients that will reverse the spell. Along the way, they meet familiar fairytale characters who are eager to satisfy their own wishes as well.

Ultimately, the characters learn an important lesson about community and responsibility, and the stories we tell our children.

The cast features familiar names from past productions, including Shivam Patel (Rock Hill) as Cinderella’s Prince and Hannah Hustad (Columbia) as Cinderella.

The production will also feature a full orchestra and choreography by Assistant Professor of Dance Kelly Ozust. Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance Stephen Gundersheim directs.

People are invited to tweet their thoughts and excitement on Twitter using the hashtag #WUWoods.

Show times are 8 p.m. Feb. 18-21 and 2 p.m. Feb. 22. Tickets are $10 with a Winthrop ID and $15 for the general public. Reserved seating is available. Call 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu for tickets. It is a cultural event.

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