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Quick Facts

- "Godspell" will run March 31-April 3 in Johnson Theatre.
- The original musical opened off Broadway in 1971.



Cecily Bigham (left), Roderice Gilliam-Wheeler (center) and Jesse Powers star in "Godspell" March 31-April 3.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - This spring at Winthrop, the Gospel of St. Matthew is going musical.

Opening March 31 in **Johnson Theatre**, Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak's musical "Godspell" brings to life the stories in this gospel. Directed by **Stephen Gundersheim**, assistant professor of theatre education, the popular off-Broadway production mixes a series of student-acted parables with modern music set to lyrics of traditional hymns like "Day By Day," "By My Side" and "Turn Back, O Man."

A 13-student cast will use a number of theatrical traditions – including charades, clowning, pantomime and more – to illustrate these familiar

parables that promote a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

"Godspell" will feature musical performances by faculty members Zinori Bronola (keyboard), L.H. Dickert (guitar) and Adam Snow (guitar), as well as student-musician Justin Tsugranes (guitar), all members of the play's orchestra. Helping bring these characters to the stage is the production crew, composed of four **Department of Theatre and Dance** faculty members and five students.

"Godspell" will run March 31-April 3 at 8 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with Winthrop I.D. and \$15 for the general public.

Call the box office at 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu to reserve tickets.

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