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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 Zinorl 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.