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Quick Facts

- A performance by the Amy Marshall Dance Company and the Gala Showcase will be part of the S.C. Dancing Festival.
- General admission is \$15 for each for the two dance performances.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop will host multiple dance classes and two concerts Feb. 24-26 as part of the **South Carolina Dancing Festival**.

Headlining the weekend events will be a Feb. 24 performance of the **Amy Marshall Dance Company** from New York City. Under the direction of Marshall and Chad Levy, the professional company is made up of nine dancers who showcase its innovative choreography. During the 8 p.m. performance in **Byrnes Auditorium**, the company will present the world premiere of "Fire of the Dove," a work inspired by Joan of Arc.

The **Gala Showcase** on Feb. 25 will include a variety of dance pieces that represent the finest dancers, choreographers and companies in the region. The concert's main act is the **Christian von Howard Project**, a modern dance company based in New York City. Featured dancer Christian von Howard is an international performer, teacher and choreographer. It will begin at 8 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium.

"This is the first time that we have ever hosted a festival of this proportion at Winthrop," said Mary Beth Thompson Young, associate professor of dance. "It is a wonderful event in dance – to have a dance company premiere a new work and then to have dance classes offered all weekend. It is an incredible opportunity for the Carolinas."

Instructors for the dance classes include Winthrop faculty members Anna Sartin, Sandra Neels and Andrew Vorder Bruegge, as well as the North Carolina Dance Theatre faculty, Christian Von Howard and Company and the Amy Marshall Dance Company.

General admission is \$15 for each for the two dance performances. The festival registration fee is \$42 for students and \$75 for professional dancers/adults. Registration gives admission to all classes, informal concerts, the **Amy Marshall Dance Company** concert and the **Gala Showcase**.

The festival also is sponsored by the **South Carolina Dance Association**.

For more information, call Young at 803/517-6820.

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