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President Jamie Comstock

ROCK HILL, S.C. — **Winthrop University's Inauguration Week** will include a variety of arts happenings and exhibits that highlights the creative work of talented students and faculty.

The events lead up to the **March 28 Investiture Ceremony** when Jamie Comstock will be inaugurated as Winthrop's 10th president. The 2-4 p.m. ceremony will be held in **Byrnes Auditorium**. Attending will be presidents and representatives from universities and colleges across the nation, state and local dignitaries, faculty, staff and students. Following the ceremony is a campuswide reception in the **West Center**.

Arts-related events throughout Inauguration Week include:

**Monday, March 24-Friday, March 28**  
**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Rutledge Gallery**

The **"Black Mountain College: Shaping Craft + Design"** exhibit presents a more in-depth look at the role and impact the former North Carolina institution had on American artists, craftspeople, designers, and art and design curricula throughout the world.

**Monday, March 24**  
**1:30-4:30 p.m.**

Various locations in **Conservatory of Music, Rutledge Building, McLaurin** and **Johnson Halls** **The College of Visual and Performing Arts** faculty and students will host an **Arts Crawl and Class Demonstrations**, and will open their studios and answer questions on their work and methods. Class demonstrations/rehearsals will include stage combat, musical theatre, ceramics, sculpture, percussion and guitar.

**7-8:45 p.m.**

**Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center**

A 7 p.m. showing of the documentary **"Bending Sticks"** will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The documentary traces the work of nationally known environmental artist Patrick Dougherty and the development of his sculptures. Dougherty spent three weeks in Rock Hill weaving donated tree saplings into a large, intricate sculpture installation. Throughout the process, Dougherty worked with volunteers, including Winthrop fine arts students.

**Thursday, March 27**  
**7:30-9 p.m.**

### Frances May Barnes Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music

The College of Visual and Performing Arts will hold a **Performing Arts Showcase** that will feature faculty and students in the areas of music, theatre and dance. Performances will include original compositions, opera selections, scenes from musical theatre productions, dance presentations and ensemble performances.

### About Winthrop and the Inauguration of 10th President Jayne Marie Comstock

The March 24-29 Inauguration of Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock as Winthrop's 10th president signals a new era in the history of this top-ranked regional public comprehensive university. Comstock has charted a bold course for Winthrop's future, redefining public higher education by prioritizing both quality and access in a single institution. Serving more than 6,000 students, Winthrop blends liberal arts, professional programs, global understanding, and civic engagement in a diverse community of learners. Students leave Winthrop prepared for successful careers, engaged in a democratic society, responsive to local and global concerns, and grounded in values that give meaning to their lives. Comstock's vision for Winthrop will ensure that all students - regardless of demographic category or life experience - have access to an exceptional public higher education. Comporium is the proud presenting sponsor of Inauguration activities.

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