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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The romantic comedy "Cyrano de Bergerac," the story of the large-nosed soldier poet who secretly loves Roxane, is Winthrop's next production for the Department of Theatre and Dance.

The Feb. 15-19 production, directed by Russell Luke, will be on the main stage in Johnson Theatre.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" is a romantic comedy written in 1897 by Edmond Rostand. This verse translation, the most popular version in English, is by Brian Hooker.

In the mid-17th century, Cyrano is everything a hero ought to be: a swashbuckling fighter, true friend, poet and a romantic. Cyrano is in love with the beautiful Roxane, but he does not court her because of his large and unsightly nose, which he feels makes him ugly. Roxane is attracted to Christian, a handsome young soldier under Cyrano. With Cyrano's coaching, Christian charms Roxane with his words. They marry, but Christian and Cyrano depart immediately for war. While there, Cyrano writes love letters to Roxane in Christian's name. Roxane soon realizes that she has come to love Christian for his soul, as revealed in Cyrano's letters and not for his physical beauty. She comes to tell him this but before the truth comes out Christian is killed.

The Feb. 15-18 productions are at 8 p.m. The Feb. 19 performance is at 2 p.m. The cost is $10 general admission and $5 with a Winthrop I.D.

For reservations, call the box office at 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu.