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ROCK HILL, S.C. - “Out of Bounds Ensemble,” the co-resident new music ensemble at music departments at Winthrop University and Central Piedmont Community College, will present two back-to-back concerts on Saturday, April 17, featuring student compositions.

The first concert starts at 4 p.m. in the Bryant Hall at CPCC, and the second one at 7:30 p.m. in the Barnes Recital Hall at Winthrop. The Out of Bounds Ensemble is the first and only professional chamber music ensemble in the Charlotte area that specializes in music written during the 20th and 21st century. The ensemble’s members consist of professional musicians from the greater Charlotte area.

For the concert on April 17, the Out of Bounds Ensemble held a composition contest for students studying composition in the Southeast region. Five student composers’ pieces were selected for inclusion for the concert via blind juried review. The composers selected include Michael Dropps (Winthrop University), Sarah Hersh (University of Florida), Adam Sovkoplas (University of Kentucky), Hanna Lisa Stefansson (Georgia State University) and Rafael Valle (East Carolina University).

Ensemble performers include John Brooks (trumpet), Tomoko Deguchi (piano), David Hodges (trumpet), Nick Lampo (cello), Mark Lewis (piano), Reese Manceaux (clarinet), Judy Meister (violin), Jill O’Neill (flute) and Geoffrey Whitehead (conductor).

The concert is partially funded by the Arts Council of York County Small Grants Program, which receives funding from the Rock Hill Tourism Commission, the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of SC., the S.C. Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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