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ROCK HILL, S.C. — It’s no April Fool’s joke: Winthrop University’s Department of Theatre and Dance has two special productions for audiences this month, in conjunction with the city of Rock Hill’s annual Come-See-Me Festival.

Opposites attract in Geoffrey Nauftts’ “Next Fall,” a portrait of the modern romance that explores the ideas of faith, commitment and unconditional love. Grant Zavitkovsky (Fort Mill, S.C.) and Shivam Patel (Rock Hill) play Adam and Luke, a couple whose five-year relationship changes after a tragic accident. Luke is a firm believer in God while Adam believes in everything else.

The production is entirely student-created, with Shareef Elkady (Charleston, S.C.) stepping into the director’s chair.

“Next Fall” runs April 2-6 in Johnson Studio Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. April 2-5 with a 2 p.m. matinee April 6. Tickets are $5 April 2-3 with a Winthrop ID and $10 to the general public; they’re $8 with an ID and $15 without April 4-6.

Opening April 9 in Johnson Theatre is the campy romp “The Mineola Twins: A Comedy in Six Scenes, Four Dreams and (At Least) Six Wigs” written by Paula Vogel and directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Laura Dougherty.

“The Mineola Twins” explores the strange and yet loving relationship between twin sisters Myrna and Myra through the Eisenhower, Nixon and Bush presidential administrations. The sisters are complete opposites in politics, ethics and personality, but their sisterhood binds them together.

Riley Ketcham (Florence, S.C.) will have double-duty on stage as she portrays both Myra and Myrna.

Show times are 8 p.m. April 9-12 and 2 p.m. April 13. Tickets are $8 with a Winthrop ID and $15 without. "The Mineola Twins" contains adult content and language.

Both are approved cultural events. All tickets are general admission.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office. Box office hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the week the production is open and an hour before curtain. Call 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu for tickets.