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Quick Facts

- Russell Luke will direct "Remnants of Desire," written by Rock Hill playwright Terry Roueche.
- The play will run Oct. 1-5 at Johnson Theatre.



Bailey Robinson (left)
and Darryl LaPlante

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University's **Department of Theatre and Dance** will kick off its theatrical season with the presentation of **"Remnants of Desire"** from Oct. 1-4 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at Johnson Theatre.

Written by well-known Rock Hill playwright and Winthrop Theatre faculty member Terry Roueche, the play tells the story of two struggling people who find hope in each other: Kelly (portrayed by Bailey Robinson of Kannapolis, N.C.), a writer, and Franklin (portrayed by Darryl LaPlante of Goose Creek), a recovering drug and alcohol addict. Both Kelly and Franklin face individual temptations, but together they discover the possibility of redemption.

This production is a play with a universal message of hope, according to Winthrop Instructor Russell Luke, play director.

"**"Remnants of Desire"** is a play that can speak to both men and women and (reaches) across generational lines. It looks at the subjects of addiction, depression and relationships with both humor and seriousness that will not make light of the subjects but will not alienate the audience," Luke said. "While there is a struggle during the play, we end with a feeling that we have hope."

The cast includes Jamie Bellah (Elaine) of Charleston, Jackie Hogg (Anne) of Rock Hill, David Hutto Jr. (Charles) of Orangeburg and Cate Davidson (Marsha) of Little Rock, Ark. On the artistic/production staff are faculty members Luke, director; **Biff Edge**, set designer; **Anna Sartin**, lighting designer; and **Janet Gray**, costume designer; and students Shannon Plowden of West Union, stage manager, and Caitlin Colyer of Oxford, Ohio, assistant stage manager.

The production is a special part of Winthrop's Family Weekend 2008. On Wednesday, Oct. 1, and Friday through Sunday, Oct. 3-5, tickets are \$8 with Winthrop I.D. and \$15 for the general public. On Thursday, Oct. 2, all tickets are \$5.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at ext. 4104 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu.

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