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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University’s Department of Theatre and Dance will offer audiences a lively and entertaining mixture of one act-plays with the Spring One-Act Play Festival, opening April 17 in Johnson Studio Theatre.

The festival’s 10 plays, divided into Groups A and B, are a hands-on learning experience for students: they are all student-produced and -designed with student actors as well as advanced theatre students at the director’s helm.

Group A plays include:

“The Future is In Your Tiny Hands” by Jonathan Rand
Director: Kate Meyers (Forest Hill, Md.)
Two elementary-school students square off in a debate for student body president. Hot topics include tater tots, cootie prevention and kickball rosters.

“The Blueberry Hill Accord” by Daryl Watson
Director: Jasmine Gunter (Columbia, S.C.)
A high school student looks to end a nearly decade-long friendship.

“Amateurs” by David Auburn
Director: Elliot Emigh (Fort Mill, S.C.)
A woman whose father’s political career was ruined years earlier by an attack ad confronts the politician responsible.

“A Couple of Bimbos Sittin’ Around Talking” by Richard Vetere
Director: Brittany Mayo (Rock Hill, S.C.)
Three women waiting on their boyfriends decide to fix up a less-than-glamorous cousin. While the cousin is at first off-put by the tight clothes and hairstyles, she learns not to judge a book by its cover.

“The M Word” by Alan Ball
Director: Melinda Longtin (Rock Hill, S.C.)
A couple discusses if they are a good match or not in marriage.

“Check Please: Take 3!” by Jonathan Rand
Director: Kimberly Cumming (West Columbia, S.C.)
Two best friends give blind-dating another disastrous try.
Group B plays include:

“Scooter Thomas Makes It to the Top of the World” by Peter Parnell
Director: Jonathon Long (Catawba, S.C.)
Shaken by the death of a childhood best friend, a man recalls their friendship while packing for the funeral.

“The Ex” by Geoffrey Scheer
Director: Jonathan Hoskins (Rock Hill, S.C.)
An ex-girlfriend threatens to put a damper on two friends’ Atlantic City vacation.

“Designer Genes” by Kent R. Brown
Director: Jarrod Bennett (Huntersville, N.C.)
A couple who lost a son in a tragic accident desperately contact the cloning service Designer Genes, Inc.

“Dog Lovers” by S.W. Senek
Director: Emily Cupit (Hilton Head, S.C.)
A dog lover discovers the significant other she met through a dating site may love her dog more than her.

Show times for Group A are April 17 at 8 p.m. and April 19 at 2 p.m. Show times for Group B are 8 p.m. April 18 and 8 p.m. April 19. Tickets are $8 with a Winthrop ID or $15 without. It is an approved cultural event.

Seating is limited, and no late seating will be permitted after performances begin. Plays contain adult language and situations.
For tickets, contact the box office at 803/323-4014, e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu or purchase online.