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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will offer two performances of “Medal of Honor Rag,” Tom Cole’s 1976 play about a decorated Vietnam veteran’s troubled adjustment to life after a controversial war, on Dec. 6 and 7 in Johnson Hall.

Visiting director Charles Randolph-Wright from New York, N.Y., first presented the play as part of last May’s inaugural Create Carolina arts festival. The play will once again feature Charlotte, N.C., native Chandler Parker as the black veteran, DJ, while Polly Adkins, Winthrop alumna and local theatre veteran, has been cast as the psychiatrist. Written as a male character, Adkins remains the first female to play this role.

Randolph-Wright had his directorial film debut with “Preaching to the Choir,” which swept the feature film prizes at the American Black Film Festival as well as many other festivals. The York, S.C., native recently wrote and directed the film version of the stage musical “Mama, I Want To Sing.” Parker, who appeared in “Preaching to the Choir,” is in the newly released film “Be Kind Rewind” and a recent episode of the television series, “Numbers.”

The Dec. 6 and 7 performances of “Medal of Honor Rag” will start at 8 p.m. in the Johnson Studio Theatre. Tickets are $10 per person. The play contains adult content and language.

For tickets, call the Box Office at 803/323-4014.