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Quick Facts

■ Dinkins Student Union will offer a week-long series of concerts, performances and more during Welcome Week 2009 Aug. 21-30.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Performances by Chinese acrobats, a renowned hypnotist and international comedians, concerts featuring country, bluegrass, jam band and Latin-influenced music – During **Welcome Week 2009**, the **Dinkins Student Union** plans to take new and returning students, faculty, staff and friends "**Around the World with DSU.**"

The week-long series of events will kick off with Playfair, a session of icebreakers, games and presentations dedicated to helping students make new friends and to creating campus unity, on Friday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m. in the **West Center**.

Welcome Week 2009 events will be held in **Byrnes Auditorium**, and all tickets are \$10/general, \$5/with Winthrop I.D. or free with **DSU Welcome Week pass** unless otherwise noted.

Additional acts include:

- **Saturday, Aug. 22** -- International speaker, producer, Tony Award winner and spoken word artist Poetri and the **Javier Mendoza Band**, a Spain-based band influenced by rock, funk and Latin music, will perform at 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 23** -- **Step Afrika**, the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping, will perform a step show at 8 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 24** -- **Meg Allison** and **Joshua Stevens**, both Top 5 finalists on "Nashville Star" in 2007, will play concerts during the Convocation Picnic at 5 p.m. on the front lawn of **Margaret Nance** (rain location: West Center). **Concerts are free.** **Spintacular Novelties** will have a station where attendees can create jewelry, street signs and license plates. One novelty is free with Welcome Week pass; additional novelties are \$1 each.
- **Thursday, Aug. 27** -- Hypnotist **Tom DeLuca**, a Winthrop University tradition, will hypnotize his audience members during his 8 p.m. show.
- **Friday, Aug. 28** -- Rootsy bluegrass band **Bonepony**, formed in Maryland, and Israeli jam band **Soulfarm**, a New York City-based group whose music is a mix of Jewish, rock 'n' roll, bluegrass and Celtic influences, will play at 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 29** -- The **Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats** from Hebei, China, will honor the 27 centuries-old tradition of Chinese acrobats with a one-night-only performance at 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 30** -- Comedian **Hasan Minhaj**, a native of India, and **Dan Adhoot**, an Iranian Jewish comedian, will get audiences laughing at 8 p.m.

Click [here](#) for a full list of DSU Welcome Week events. To purchase a **Welcome Week 2009** pass or find out more information, contact Boyd Jones, university programs director, at 803/323-2108 or jonesbj@winthrop.edu.

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