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Quick Facts

- The production of "You Can't Take It With You" is a Common Book event.
- The comedy will run Sept. 29-Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 2 and 8 p.m. in Johnson Theatre.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Department of Theatre and Dance** will open its 2009-10 season on Tuesday, Sept. 29, with a production of "**You Can't Take It With You**," a Great Depression-era play selected to complement this year's Common Book, "**Growing Up**" by Russell Baker.

Directed by Theatre and Dance Chair and Professor Andrew Vorder Bruegge, the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy will run Sept. 29-Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in **Johnson Theatre**. Performed by a cast of 19 students, George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's "**You Can't Take It With You**" explores what happens when Tony Kirby (Nathan Rouse of Clover, S.C.) and Alice Sycamore (Kayla Piscatelli of Graveland, Mass.) fall in love and their very different families -- his discontent, straight-laced Wall Street parents and her happy, eccentric bunch of free spirits -- must learn to coexist.

Chosen for its "Depression-era setting in America," the play presented a unique challenge for the director and the artistic/production staff because there are more than 700 properties and "all of them have to be vintage or vintage-looking items," according to Vorder Bruegge. Work on "**You Can't Take It With You**" began in April.

Artistic/production staff members who made the 1930s setting come alive include faculty members Anna Sartin, scenic designer; Janet Gray, costume designer; Biff Edge, lighting designer and technical director; and students Nancy VanderBrink of Spartanburg, S.C., sound designer; Shannon Plowden of West Union, S.C., stage manager; and Bailey Glosson of Canton, Ga., assistant stage manager.

"**You Can't Take It With You**" also is part of Winthrop's **Family Weekend** Oct. 2-3, and families may purchase discounted tickets [online](#). All seating is reserved. Tickets are \$8 with Winthrop I.D. and \$15 for the general public.

Call the Box Office at 803/323-4014 or e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu for ticket information.

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