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## Quick Facts

- Shakespeare Carolina will offer performances of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "The Tempest" in July and August.
- The classical theatre company has formed a partnership with Winthrop called Shakespeare Carolina at Winthrop.



**TWO GENTLEMEN  
OF  
VERONA**  
OPENS  
JULY 13TH

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Shakespeare Carolina** is on a mission to make "summer" synonymous with "The Bard."

Winthrop and Shakespeare Carolina, a classical theatre company, will continue their partnership, **Shakespeare Carolina at Winthrop**, with the summer productions of "**Two Gentlemen of Verona**" and "**The Tempest**" in **Johnson Theatre** on campus. In July, gender line-blurring comedy "**Two Gentlemen of**

**Verona**" will come to Johnson Theatre July 13-16 at 8 p.m. nightly and July 17 at 3 p.m. **Shakespeare Carolina** sets this funny, frenetic tale in trendy 1980s Milan, where two sets of lovers struggle to overcome all odds and walk hand-in-hand down the runway of love (and fashion).

"**The Tempest**," one of Shakespeare's most lyrical and intriguing works, will run Aug. 3-6 at 8 p.m. nightly and Aug. 7 at 3 p.m. **Shakespeare Carolina's** production of this intriguing classic – which includes romance, comedy, drama, revenge, attempted murder and sorcery – incorporates elements of *Beach Blanket Bingo* and *Lost*, with some lucha libre wrestling and a late Chinese food feast added for good measure. This inventive take on Shakespeare's tragicomedy promises "a riot of color, sound and comedy," according to Chris O'Neill, managing artist director.

**Shakespeare Carolina** is the Metrolina area's only theatre company devoted to the classical canon. The organization promotes color- and gender-blind casting as well as the universality of Shakespeare's canon to all theatregoers. Founded in 1997, **Shakespeare Carolina** has received funding from the Arts Council of York County, the South Carolina Arts Commission and the Rock Hill Tourism Foundation.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors for all performances. To buy tickets, visit <http://www.carolinatix.org>. For more information about the shows, visit the **Shakespeare Carolina website**.

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