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Quick Facts

- The Department of Theatre and Dance will open the 2011-12 season with Broadway hit "Chicago."
- Season ticket packages are available on the department's website.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Prohibition, murder, criminal celebrities – Winthrop's Department of Theatre and Dance will start its 2011-12 season with pizzazz and a little stylish mayhem.

Opening the season will be a production of Broadway hit musical "Chicago," the tale of Roxie Hart, who uses the media sensation surrounding her murder trial to become a bona-fide celebrity. Stephen Gundersheim, associate professor of theatre, will direct the production, based on a play by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins.

Season ticket packages are now available through the department's ticket package website. The department's 2011-12 season will include the following shows and performances:

FALL 2011

"Chicago" by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse
Directed by Stephen Gundersheim
Oct. 5-8, 8 p.m. nightly; Oct. 8-9, 2 p.m.
Johnson Theatre
Tickets: $10/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public
Play contains adult content; seating is reserved.

"Beyond Therapy" by Christopher Durang
Directed by Melissa Frierson (student director)
Oct. 26-29, 8 p.m. nightly; Oct. 30, 2 p.m.
Johnson Studio Theatre
Seating is limited; play contains adult content and language.

Winthrop Dance Theatre
Directed by Mary Beth Young
Nov. 2-5, 8 p.m. nightly; Nov. 6, 2 p.m.
Johnson Theatre
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public
Seating is reserved.

Fall One-Act Festival
Supervised by Russell Luke  
Nov. 18, 8 p.m.; Nov. 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Nov. 20, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Studio Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*Plays contain adult language and content; seating is limited.*

**Senior Choreography Showcase**  
Supervised by Meg Griffin  
Dec. 2, 8 p.m.; Dec. 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Johnson Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*The showcase is part of ChristmasVille 2011.*

**SPRING 2012**

"Marisol" by José Rivera  
Directed by Laura Dougherty  
Feb. 15-18, 8 p.m. nightly; Feb. 19, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*Play contains adult language; seating is reserved.*

"Fractured Sanctum" by Norman Burt and Everett Johnson (student)  
Feb. 22-25, 8 p.m. nightly; Feb. 26, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Studio Theatre  
*Play contains adult content and language; seating is limited.*

"The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman  
Directed by Russell Luke  
March 28-31, 8 p.m.; March 31-April 1, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Studio Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*The showcase is part of Rock Hill's Come-See-Me Festival.*

**Student Choreography Showcase**  
Supervised by Stacy McConnell  
April 13, 8 p.m.; April 14, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; April 15, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*The showcase is part of Rock Hill's Come-See-Me Festival.*

**Spring One-Act Festival**  
Supervised by Russell Luke  
April 20, 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; April 22, 2 p.m.  
Johnson Studio Theatre  
Tickets: $8/Winthrop I.D. and $15/public  
*Seating is limited; plays contain adult content and language. Performances are part of the Come-See-Me Festival.*

For more information about individual shows, visit the Department of Theatre and Dance website, or call 803/323-2287. To purchase tickets, contact the box office at 803/323-4014 or boxoffice@winthrop.edu.

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