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Quick Facts

- Since its inception in 1989, the program has served more than 8,500 middle-school students.
- The program is sponsored by Winthrop University's College of Visual and Performing Arts and the York and Lancaster school districts.

ROCK HILL, S.C. — For the 25th consecutive year, Winthrop University has welcomed gifted and talented students in grades 6-8 for an artistic summer filled with music, dance, design, drama and photography.

The **ST-ARTS program** began last week and will continue until June 28. The approximately 300 students, chosen during tryouts from the Clover, Fort Mill, Lancaster, Rock Hill and York school districts, are currently spending the three weeks of the program on campus, working with more than 50 talented artists and musicians from Winthrop, public schools and the [S.C. Arts Commission Artists Roster](#). As part of the ST-ARTS curriculum, students study their "major" arts area and spend time exploring a "minor" art interest as well. They also have the chance to attend arts performances.

Examples of classes include **hip-hop dancing, puppetry, improvisation acting, African drumming and 3D design.**

ST-ARTS emphasizes guiding students through the process of conceptualizing and creating art. The S.C. State Department of Education has cited Winthrop's summer arts program as a model, and ST-ARTS was a 1993 nominee for the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for excellence in arts education. [Winthrop's College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) and participating school districts in York and Lancaster counties sponsor ST-ARTS.

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Contact Don Rogers, [Department of Music](#) chair, at 803/323-2255 or rogersd@winthrop.edu to find out more about ST-ARTS.

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