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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop's senior dance students will display their choreography, movement and production skills during the Senior Choreography Showcase, which includes fewer choreographers, longer, more intricate dance pieces and a dance film.

Choreographed, designed and performed by senior dance students, the showcase will run Dec. 4 at 8 p.m., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. in Johnson Theatre. The show will feature pieces choreographed by Claretta Bethea (Mullins, S.C.); Reba Bowens (Charleston, S.C.); Michelle Dickson (Lancaster, S.C.); Megan Hoeffner (Bivalve, Md.); Jessica Roszell (Aiken, S.C.); Chantelle Sauls (Charleston, S.C.); and Marissa Tusa (Atlanta, Ga.). Included in the lineup of performances will be showings of a dance film by senior Jamie Drye. The live performances, all modern in style, will involve 20 student dancers.

The fall 2009 showcase format has fewer choreographers, challenging the students to choreograph longer dance pieces with various sections, said showcase coordinator Meg Griffin, dance instructor. She also noted that "most of the dances have a very strong theme or idea behind the movement."

"It will be interesting to hear the audience's interpretations of the dances," said Griffin, adding that several choreographers personalized their pieces by creating music and incorporating photography.

The Senior Choreography Showcase is part of the City of Rock Hill's ChristmasVille. Tickets are $8 with Winthrop I.D. and $15 for the general public, and seating is reserved.

Contact the Box Office at 803/323-4014 or boxoffice@winthrop.edu for tickets.