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ROCK HILL, S.C. — A collaboration involving professors in Winthrop University’s College of Visual and Performing Arts will set the perfect backdrop for Winthrop Dance Theatre Concert, opening Nov. 7.

The concert is comprised of dance pieces choreographed by multiple people, including faculty members Stephanie Milling, Bethany Tuffy, Mia Cunningham, Meg Schriffen and Valerie Ifill, and calls on the talents of more than 30 students.

Director and Associate Professor of Dance Mary Beth Young said that while each choreographer has a subtle message relevant to their dance work, together they “hope the concert the will leave the audience refreshed and entertained.”

“There definitely is a fresh spark of creativity unique to each dance that is sure to please the audience,” she said.

Young and Professor of Fine Arts Mark Hamilton worked together to form a background based on the popular fashion runway shows. Students in Hamilton's fashion photography class photographed the dancers individually and in a group outside. Those photos, along with theatrical runway photos, will be illuminated onstage as the dancers perform.

“It will be an exciting array of multi-media photography combined with the dancers performing onstage,” Young said.

In addition to the 8 p.m. showing opening night in Johnson Theatre, there are also showings Nov. 8-10 at 8 p.m. and a 2 p.m. show Nov. 11. It is a cultural event. Tickets are $8 with a Winthrop ID or $15 to the general public. High school students, other university students and senior citizens can ask the box office about special prices.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call the box office at 803/323-4014 or e-mail at boxoffice@winthrop.edu.

Quick Facts

- The Winthrop Dance Theatre Concert showtimes are Nov. 7-10 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.
- Tickets are $ with a Winthrop ID or $15 to the general public.