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Quick Facts

- Arts Ball admission is free, and Mardi Gras accessories will be sold for \$1 and \$2 at the door.
- All proceeds benefit schools affected by Hurricane Katrina.



ROCK HILL, S.C. - This Halloween, Winthrop will face the "Curse of the Creole."

The **Arts Ball 2010: "Curse of the Creole"** begins Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in **Byrnes Auditorium**. This year's spooky, creative event will raise funds for Louisiana schools affected by Hurricane Katrina. Mardi Gras masks, rings, beads and more will be sold for \$1 and \$2 at the door. All proceeds will benefit these schools, which lost art supplies, musical instruments, dance floors and more.

For those who come dressed in regular clothing, the Mardi Gras accessories offer ready-made festive Halloween costumes.

The ball is designed to blend a Mardi Gras theme with HBO's hit TV show "True Blood," said **Jill O'Neill**, flute instructor and creator of the event. There will be vampires and werewolves, as well as townspeople preparing excitedly for Mardi Gras. Angered by the festivities, the local witch doctor – who loathes Mardi Gras – conspires to use voodoo and stir up a hurricane that will ruin the event.

"Curse of the Creole" will feature performances by the Winthrop Brass Ensembles, the Flute Choir and more, as well as three dance performances to the theme song of "True Blood," Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" and Godsmack's "Voodoo." Theatre and dance students will write the dialogue for the witch doctor and weatherman's performances, build the sets and design lighting.

Junior art major Courtney Niskala designed the poster for this year's ball.

Admission to **Arts Ball 2010: "Curse of the Creole"** is free and open to the public, and the ball is an approved cultural event for students. The event is planned, produced and performed by students in O'Neill's "Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Arts Production and Performance" class.

Contact O'Neill at 803/323-3797 or oneilli@winthrop.edu for more information about the Oct. 29 event.

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