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Quick Facts

- A cynical take on American celebrity culture, "Chicago" is a musical famous for show-stopping numbers such as "Razzle Dazzle," "Class," "Funny Honey," "My Own Best Friend" and "Nowadays."
- Show times are Oct. 5-8 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 8-9 at 2 p.m. Please note that "Chicago" does contain adult content.



Cast of "Chicago"

ROCK HILL, S.C. – It's the tale of fame, fortune and "All That Jazz" that has made "**Chicago**" a must-see musical.

Winthrop's [Department of Theatre and Dance](#) will bring the production, the first of the fall semester, to the [Johnson Theatre](#) stage Oct. 5-9.

Based on a 1926 play by [Maurine Dallas Watkins](#), "Chicago" tells the story of **Roxie Hart** (Jessica Powers of Sumter, S.C.), a chorus girl who murders her husband and then manages to avoid

prison with the help of a fast-talking lawyer, **Billy Flynn** (Philip Calabro of Greer, S.C.). Roxie uses the trial to propel herself to showbiz stardom along with another murderous vaudeville, **Velma Kelly** (Kayla Piscatelli of Groveland, Mass.). The additional lead characters of **Mama Morton** and **Amos** are played by Cecily Bigham of Rock Hill and J.T. Rider of Sumter, S.C., respectively.

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According to [Stephen Gundersheim](#), director of "Chicago" and an associate professor of theatre, the production has been a joyous collaboration. "In addition to the student cast there is a student stage manager and three assistant stage managers who are doing a wonderful job," he said. "We have benefited from having talented members of Winthrop's production team on board as well as Linda Booth, a well-known Charlotte choreographer. I am incredibly proud of our combined efforts and thrilled to take on such a challenging show."

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Tickets are \$10 with a Winthrop ID and \$15 for the general public. To purchase tickets, contact the box office at 803/323-4014.

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