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## Quick Facts

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*Andrew Vorder Bruegge*

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University officials announced today that **Dr. Andrew Vorder Bruegge**, an associate professor of theatre, film studies and dance at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., will start in August as the **chair of Winthrop's Department of Dance and Theatre**.

**Vorder Bruegge** has been teaching theatre, dance and speech communication classes since 1979, including stints at Bellarmine College in Kentucky and Cornell College in Iowa. He served as chair of St. Cloud State University's theatre, film studies and dance department from 1998 to 2002.

"Winthrop's Theatre and Dance Department has an impressive tradition of achievement," said **Vorder Bruegge**. "I'm eager to join my colleagues and the students to build on that tradition: to take the program to a zenith of academic distinction and artistic excellence."

**Winthrop's theatre program celebrated its 50th anniversary this past year.** The Department of Theatre and Dance has 10 full-time faculty members and more than a dozen part-time faculty, all working with about 200 students majoring in either theatre or dance.

The faculty, staff and students of **Winthrop's College of Visual and Performing Arts** are looking forward to Dr. Vorder Bruegge's arrival in the fall, said **Andrew Svedlow, dean of the college**. "His academic credentials, extensive experience in theatre and dance, and his dynamic leadership skills are a perfect match for the department of theatre and dance, and he will be an instrumental player in the continued growth of one of the region's most significant producers of theatre and dance professionals," Svedlow said.

While at St. Cloud State, **Vorder Bruegge** directed many dramas, musicals and operas, most recently directing and choreographing "The Fantasticks" in 2004. He also has served as co-director and ensemble member of Roc Havre Dance Ensemble, a historical dance troupe, since 1994.

Over the years, his scholarly activities have ranged from translation of French dramatic literature to early dance, playwriting and stage combat/swordplay. An experienced grant writer, presenter and writer, he prefers to direct masterpieces of dramatic literature, drawn from ancient, Renaissance and modern epochs.

**Vorder Bruegge** was named faculty advisor of the year at Bellarmine College in 1993.

He holds a B.A. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, a M.A. from the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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