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## Quick Facts

- The program of 11 pieces promises variety in both choreography and musical choices.
- Tickets are \$5 with a Winthrop ID and \$10 general admission.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - This year **Winthrop Dance Theatre in Concert** is presenting the work of **six faculty choreographers** – three men and three women – in a series of performances in **Johnson Theatre**. Performances will be Nov. 9-12 at 8 p.m. and a matinee on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

The two artistic directors, **Sandra Neels** and **Mary Beth Young**, each have created three new pieces for this event. Neels' work includes a contemporary pointe piece for 13 dancers, a theatrical work for eight dancers based upon a short story she has written, and a collaboration with faculty sculptor, **Shaun Cassidy**, for 11 dancers.

Young's works include an aerial piece for eight dancers, a new work for four women and four men based upon weight-bearing partner work and an unusual piece in which the dancers are engulfed in bags of shiny fabric. **Stacy Garrett-McConnell** has choreographed two new contemporary works: one involving the physical manifestation of images of the mind and emotions and the other a distortion of a family portrait. The male choreographers on this program will be represented by the new chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, **Andrew Vorder Bruegge**, as well as new artist-in-residence **Jack Kirven**, and adjunct faculty member **Eddie Mabry**.

Vorder Bruegge will offer a suite of early dances for an ensemble of eight dancers dressed in period costumes from late 16th-century Italy and France, to include the Spanish pavanne, the Canario, the Bassa Gioiosa, and the Allegrezza d'Amore. Kirven, an avid "post-modernist" has choreographed a pure movement piece based on a complicated "chance" system. Mabry's jazz class will perform one of his new works which is upbeat and theatrical.

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