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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — The Winthrop University Department of Theatre and Dance tackles society’s obsession with physical beauty head-on with its newest production, Neil Labute’s “Reasons to Be Pretty.”

“Reasons to Be Pretty” opens Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Johnson Studio Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Oct. 22-25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 26.

Jasmine Gunter, a theatre student from Columbia, will direct the heartfelt story of Greg, played by Fort Mill’s Andrew White, and his girlfriend Steph, played by Phylisha Mace of Lexington.

Greg and Steph are in a long-term relationship. One day, Greg casually remarks to his friend Kent (Cameron Drayton, Georgetown) that compared to one of his pretty co-workers, Steph’s face is just “regular.” When Kent’s wife Carly (Sarah Bruce, Hilton Head) repeats the comment to Steph, it sets off a downward spiral as all of the characters begin to face their insecurities.

Is anyone totally comfortable in his or her skin? Do we ever really know anyone? The “Reasons to Be Pretty” cast and all-student crew hope to answer these lasting questions.

Tickets are $5 with a Winthrop ID and $10 to the public for the Oct. 22-23 shows. The prices for the Oct. 24-26 shows are $8 with a Winthrop ID and $15 without. All tickets are general admission. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office.

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