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Quick Facts

- "The Rite of Spring" is scheduled for Dec. 1-2 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., all in Johnson Theatre.
- A lecture/demonstration will be on Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. in Johnson Theatre and will serve as a preview.

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University's [Department of Theatre and Dance](#) will present the annual **Senior Choreography Showcase** Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3.

Featuring the choreographic talents of senior dance majors and live music by music composition students, this showcase of modern dance works will also include a performance of Igor Stravinsky's iconic "**The Rite of Spring**," choreographed by [Assistant Professor of Dance Emily Morgan](#), with musical accompaniment by [Associate Professor of Music Tomoko Deguchi](#), [Instructor of Music Adam Snow](#) and William Fried, piano instructor at Davidson College.

In conjunction with the performance, Morgan and Deguchi will present a lecture/demonstration on Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. in Johnson Theatre. The lecture/demo is an interactive presentation with audience participation and discusses the historic background, the original choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky and the musical innovation of Stravinsky. Titled "The Rite of Spring Unpacked!" this is a free cultural event and is open to the public.

It also serves as a preview of the performance of "The Rite of Spring" scheduled for Dec. 1-2 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., all in [Johnson Theatre](#).

The original cast featured 20 dancers, 14 corps members and six soloists, and adhered to the narrative of the pagan ritual in which a young person is sacrificed. Morgan's version adds to the piece's already suspenseful nature: one of the five soloist's names is selected before each performance and that person will be the sacrificial victim. The soloists do not find out if they are the chosen one until they are well into the performance of the 30-minute dance. When their red sash is removed, they are not the chosen one and may join the others.

Support for "The Rite of Spring" is provided by the [Arts Council of York County Small Grants Program](#), the [John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of S.C.](#), the Departments of Theatre and Dance and Music at Winthrop University and the [S.C. Arts Commission](#), the latter of which received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 with a Winthrop ID or \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be [purchased online](#) or at the Department of Theatre and Dance Box Office one hour prior to show time or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free parking is available in the parking lot between Johnson Hall and Alumni Drive.

For more information, contact **Whitney Hough**, director of communications and community engagement for the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#), at 803/323-2399 or houghw@winthrop.edu, or visit the website at www.winthrop.edu/arts.

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