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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The first production by **Winthrop University's Department of Theater and Dance** this fall is a wild one. "**Jungalbook**," a fast-paced play adapted by Edward Mast from Rudyard Kipling's "**The Jungle Books**," will be offered Oct. 5-9 in **Johnson Theatre**.

Freedom, slavery, love and honor are some of the themes explored in this coming of age tale, according to **director Andréa Atkins Cunningham**. Characters also are faced with anger, violence and betrayal as part of the law of the jungle.

Mowgli, the human child, grows up in the Jungal, raised by wolves under the guidance of Baloo the bear. The tiger Sherakhan has killed Mowgli's parents and wants to get the boy as well, but a lone panther named Bagheera protects him. As Mowgli grows up wild, believing he's a wolf, Sherakhan persuades the other wolves to turn against him. When Mowgli destroys the tiger with rope stolen from the human village, he discovers he has broken Jungal Law. Come discover whether Mowgli decides to defy the Law, or leave the Jungal forever.

Cunningham is a Winthrop graduate who has worked in a variety of positions relating to arts programming for children. She will oversee this production of a popular children's story, starring **Robert Crozier** as Sherakhan, the tiger; **Luna Burgess** as Baloo, the bear; **Robbie Zinna** as Mowgli, the man club; **Russell Felder** as Bagheera, the panther, and **Josh Anderson** as Akela, the leader of the wolfpack.

The production Oct. 5-8 begins at 8 p.m. and on Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with a Winthrop I.D. and \$10 general admission.

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