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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University's Department of Theatre and Dance will once again present a tour-de-force of comedy and drama with the Fall One-Act Play Festival, opening Nov. 15 in Johnson Studio Theatre.

The festival’s eight plays, divided into Groups A and B, are a hands-on learning experience for students: they are all student-directed and -designed with student actors, with Russell Luke overseeing the festival.

Group A plays include:

“Cripperella” by Rich Orloff
Director: Sean Johnson (Anderson, S.C.)
A young woman with a disability is invited to attend the royal ball even though the palace is inaccessible.

“Heritage, Her-i-tage, Hair-i-tage” by Adrienne Dawes
Director: Candiace Rice (North Charleston, S.C.)
A young, multiracial woman struggling to accept her heritage is taught to love herself.

“Harriet Tubman Visits a Therapist” by Carolyn Gage
Director: Shareef Elkady (Clemson, S.C.)
Harriet Tubman is sent to a therapist after she is suspected of planning an escape on the Underground Railroad.

“Sure Thing” by David Ives
Director: Daniel Derrer (Hilton Head Island, S.C.)
A man and woman have multiple chances to get it right on their first date: every time they say the wrong thing, a bell rings and they start over.

Group B plays include:

“Dinner with the MacGuffins” by Chris Sheppard and Jeff Grove
Director: Amber Grayson (Easley, S.C.)
A teenager is trying to kiss his girlfriend, but is constantly thwarted by his family—and later, the audience.

“Action News: Now With 10% More Action!” by Jonathan Rand
Director: James McBrayer (Mount Pleasant, S.C.)
The most trusted news program goes through its nightly news cast of crazy events.
“Thespian Theology: Three Parables of Jesus” by John A. TenBrook  
Director: Meg Hammond (Rock Hill, S.C.)  
Author John TenBrook presents a funny way to learn the gospel.

“Feeding the Moonfish” by Barbara Wiechmann  
Director: Joe Fry (Rock Hill, S.C.)  
Two strangers who meet accidentally at a lake discover they have much in common when it comes to loneliness and tragedy.

Show times for Group A are Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Show times for Group B are 8 p.m. Nov. 16 and 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Tickets are $8 with a Winthrop ID or $15 without. It is an approved cultural event.

Seating is limited, and no late seating will be permitted after performances begin. Plays contain adult language and situations.
For tickets, contact the box office at 803/323-4014, e-mail boxoffice@winthrop.edu or purchase online.