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## NEWS & EVENTS



WINTHROP  
UNIVERSITY

*College of Visual & Performing Arts*

### OCTOBER 2025



**The College of Visual and Performing Arts is now hiring 3 full-time faculty positions!**

**APPLY TODAY!**

•[Director, Assistant/ Associate Professor of Arts Administration](#)

•[Assistant/ Associate Professor of Graphic Design](#)

•[Assistant Professor of Theatre \(Acting\)](#)



## Upcoming Events



*"All the best things are Human."*

JOHNSON STUDIO THEATRE  
WINTHROP UNIVERSITY  
OCTOBER 1 - 4, 7:30 p.m.  
OCTOBER 5, 2 p.m.

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY | Department of Theatre and Dance  
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TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 803/323-4014  
EMAIL [boxoffice@winthrop.edu](mailto:boxoffice@winthrop.edu)

TO WATCH AS LIFE PASSES YOU BY

*An original dance work, student-choreographed by Mikey Kesler*

### **TO WATCH AS LIFE PASSES YOU BY**

**10.01 - 10.04, 7:30 p.m.  
10.05, 2 p.m.**

*An original dance work, student-choreographed by Mikey Kesler*

[Johnson Studio Theatre, Johnson Hall](#)

Tickets: \$5 with Winthrop ID, \$10 general public

Coordinated by Winthrop University Department of Theatre & Dance

\*Cultural Event

[\*\*BUY TICKETS\*\*](#)

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### **BRASS SHOWCASE**

**10.02 | 7:30 p.m.**

[Byrnes Auditorium](#)





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Department of Music

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Contact: [music@winthrop.edu](mailto:music@winthrop.edu)



## **LEGACY OF A MENTOR: THE ARTISTIC INFLUENCE OF ALFRED D. WARD**

**10.13 - 11.15**

**Reception: November 13, 5:30 p.m.  
- 7 p.m.**

[Rutledge Gallery & Elizabeth Dunlap  
Patrick Gallery](#)

*Featuring work from select alumni and  
previous students of Alf Ward.*

Admission: Free and open to public

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed for university holidays and during installation.



## **MASTERCLASS WITH RACHEL DAWSON**

*Assistant Professor of Theatre at Winthrop University*

**10.16 | 11 a.m.**

[Barnes Recital Hall](#)

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**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY** | Department of Theatre and Dance

**October 22 - 25, 7:30 p.m.**  
**October 26, 2 p.m.**  
**Johnson Theatre**  
**Winthrop University**

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**TICKETS**

Music and Lyrics by WILLIAM FINN, Book by RACHEL SHEINKIN  
Conceived by REBECCA FELDMAN  
Originally Directed on Broadway by JAMES LAPINE  
Originally produced on Broadway by DAVID STONE,  
JAMES L. NEDERLANDER, BARBARA WHITMAN, PATRICK CATULLO, Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

## ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***

**10.22 - 10.25 | 7:30 p.m.**  
**10.26 | 2 p.m.**

[Johnson Theatre, Johnson Hall](#)

Coordinated by Winthrop University Department of Theatre & Dance

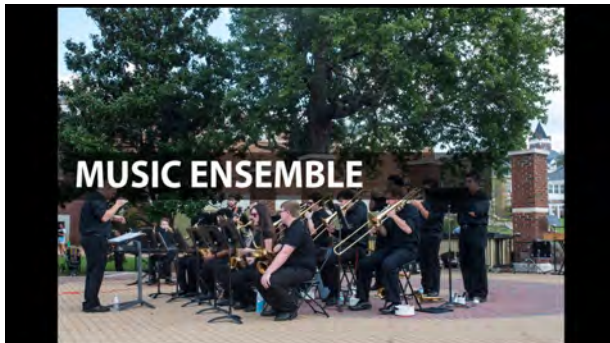
Admission: \$10 with Winthrop ID | \$15 General Admission

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Book by Rachel Sheinkin, score by William Finn

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is buzzing into town! Winner of the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, this wildly funny, fast-paced musical follows six quirky kids as they compete for the ultimate glory: spelling bee champion. But they soon learn that winning isn't everything—and losing doesn't mean you're a loser. With a heartwarming and hilarious book by Rachel Sheinkin and an unforgettable, offbeat score by the late William Finn, this show will have you laughing, cheering, and maybe even spelling along. Don't miss this charming, clever, and downright delightful Broadway hit!

**BUY TICKETS**



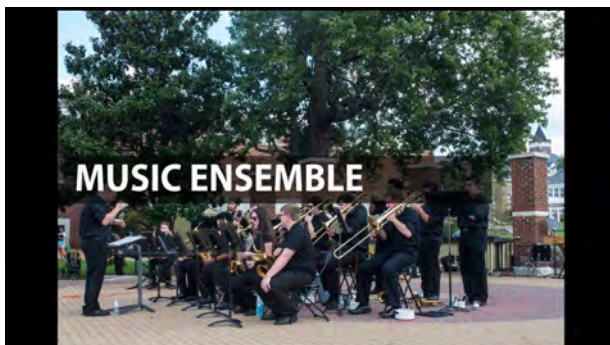
***CAROLINAS WIND  
ORCHESTRA CONCERT***

**10.27 | 7:30 p.m.**

[Byrnes Auditorium](#)

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***WINTHROP CHORALE AND  
CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT***

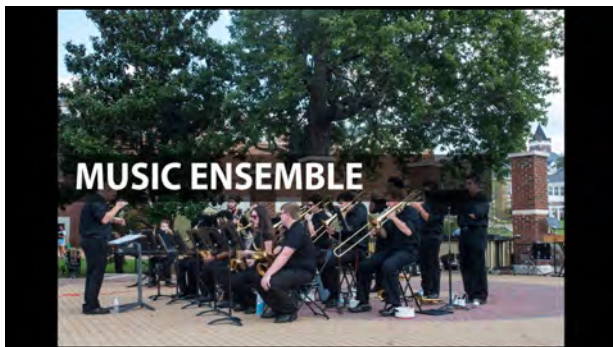
**10.27 | 7:30 p.m.**

[McBryde Hall](#)

\*Cultural Event

Coordinated by Winthrop University Department of Music





## **COLLEGIATE CHOIR CONCERT**

**10.30 | 7:30 p.m.**

[McBryde Hall](#)

\*Cultural Event

Coordinated by Winthrop University  
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Scan this QR code  
to complete an audition  
application online



## **2025- 2026 MUSIC ENTRANCE & SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**

November 22, 9 a.m.\* | February 13, 2 p.m. | February 27, 12 p.m.\*\*

March 7, 2 p.m. | March 28, 9 a.m.

*\*Brass, Woodwind, & Percussion Only | \*\*Voice Only*

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[\*\*View more information and Apply Here\*\*](#)

***For Winthrop Alumni...***



**Greetings Winthrop Alumni!**

We hope this message finds you well and excited for [Winthrop University's 2025 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend](#). As always, we look forward to welcoming you back home to cheer on the Eagles, reconnect with classmates, and make new memories together.

***This year the Department of Music is pleased to invite you to participate in the following ensembles during Homecoming weekend, November 14-15, 2025:***

**Alumni Jazz Ensemble**

Rehearsal—Friday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m., The Edge-DiGiorgio Campus Center  
Performance—Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., The Edge-DiGiorgio Campus Center  
Sign up using the link below no later than Friday, Nov. 7:  
[Winthrop Alumni Jazz Ensemble 2025](#)  
Contact—Dr. Tracy Patterson ([pattersont@winthrop.edu](mailto:pattersont@winthrop.edu))

**Alumni Choir**

Rehearsal—Friday, Nov. 14 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., [Conservatory of Music room 315](#)  
Performance—Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m., [Byrnes Auditorium](#)  
Sign up using the link below no later than Friday, Nov. 7:  
[Winthrop Alumni Choir 2025](#)  
Contact—Dr. Jeremy Mims ([mimsj@winthrop.edu](mailto:mimsj@winthrop.edu))

**Alumni Pep Band**

Call time for the Men's Game vs. Mercer—Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum  
Call time for the Women's Game vs. Queens—Saturday, Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum  
Sign up using the link below no later than Friday, Nov. 7:  
[Winthrop Alumni Pep Band 2025](#)  
Contact—Dr. Kristin Jeri ([jerik@winthrop.edu](mailto:jerik@winthrop.edu))



*We would love to see you and hear you perform on our beautiful campus again! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.*

*With best wishes,  
WU Department of Music*

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# FOR STUDENTS

## **Here are some helpful reminders for all of our new and returning ArtsWinthrop students:**

● **Looking for a job or internship?** Visit the [Center for Career Development and Internships here](#) to find out what's available!

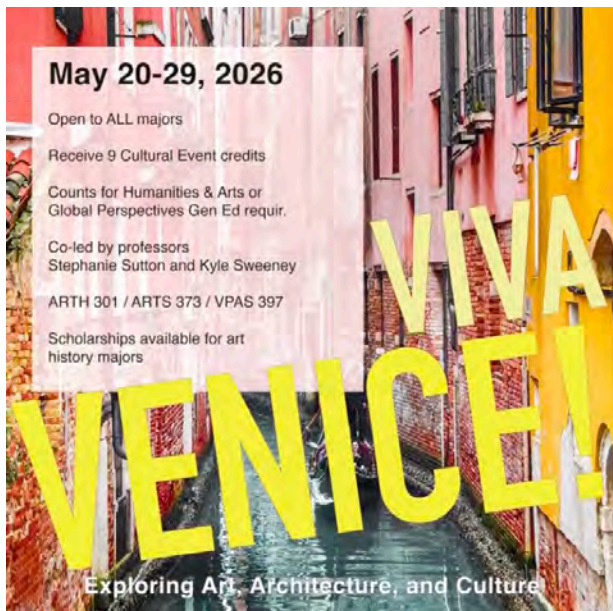
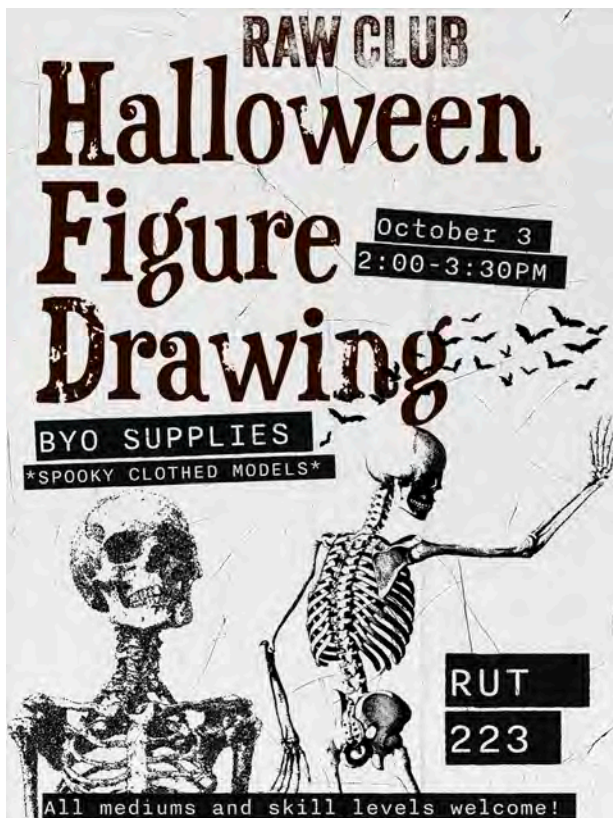
● **Take advantage of all that ArtsWinthrop has to offer by auditioning** for one of The Department of Theatre and Dance's upcoming performances! You do **NOT** have to be a major to audition!

[\*\*View Audition Information Here!\*\*](#)

● **Join a student organization, and find out more about all of our student resources** by visiting our "STUDENT" tab on the [\*\*ArtsWinthrop website!\*\*](#)

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**JOIN RAW (*Rising Artists of Winthrop*) THIS FRIDAY @ 2 P.M.**  
FOR FREE HALLOWEEN FIGURE  
DRAWING! We can't wait to see your  
creepy creations!



### **Study Abroad in Venice, Italy this summer!**

Glassblowing on Murano. Rainbow houses in Burano. Gothic palaces. The Biennale's wildest art. 9 days in a city like no other. Join Fine Art Professor Stephanie Sutton and Art History Professor Kyle Sweeney for an unforgettable study abroad course in VENICE this May!

**This experience is open to ALL MAJORS!**

## ***ArtsWinthrop Updates/ Spotlights***



**Winthrop Department of Music students are enjoying learning in their brand new Piano Lab!**

*\*Photo from Lannia Bronola-Dickert's Piano Class I (MUSA 181) on Monday, 9/22*

*In the Conservatory of Music, a **new Piano Lab**, was made possible through the generosity of various donors, many of which are Winthrop Alumni. This gift elevates musicianship, pedagogy, and access for students at all levels. These capital and equipment investments translate directly into stronger academic experiences and more vibrant public programming.*

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**Anna Dean, M.F.A. Alumna '20** and The Creator Space Coordinator, won the 2025 Emerging Artist Award for [CODAworx, which was presented at the CODASummit](#) in Washington DC this past week.

Following the award ceremony Anna stated: *"It was a life changing experience to spend time with so many incredible change agents, dreamers, artists and visionaries.*

*These are challenging times, but I really believe that the arts can help*





*bring us together- by helping us reconnect with that which makes us human, and inviting us to engage with a sense of wonder and discovery.*

*I am leaving this week inspired, challenged and encouraged for the future and I am grateful for my new network of friends and colleagues. Thanks so much for sharing your hearts, your talents, and your knowledge. Forever grateful to be a part of this community."*



**Assistant Professor of Interior Design, Devin Waddell recently brought 15 Interior Design students to the [ASID NC-SC Fall Conference](#), and it was an incredible experience for everyone involved.**


During the event, students toured two professional furniture showrooms [Vanguard + Century Modern], engaged with industry professionals, and attended the awards banquet where they viewed a range of inspiring award-winning projects from practicing professionals.

Professor Waddell stated: *"One of the most memorable moments was watching our students witness their instructor receiving a surprise ASID Carolinas Presidential Citation for outstanding service to the profession [I had no idea I was receiving this award]. It was a powerful reminder of the impact and dedication within our design community."*

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

My name is Jonathon Long, the High School Division Chair. I am believer in the creating theatre that is available and accessible for all people. I hope that in my time serving as the division chair, SCTA's High school festivals can continue to branch out and serve more communities and students across the state. Theatre should always be a place for everyone, and we have the chance to show people what that looks like.



**Jonathon Long**  
Division Chair

My name is Emma Townsend. I am a theatre educator who strongly believes in the power of comedy, improvisation, and original works. I am looking forward to being part of the SCTA leadership team. I hope to bring a new perspective to the team as we continue to make enriching theatre experiences more and more accessible to both students and educators.



**Emma Townsend**  
Division Vice-Chair

**The High School Division Chair and Co-Chair of SCTA (*South Carolina Theatre Association*) are ArtsWinthrop alums!**

Jonathan Long THED class of 15'  
Emma Townsend THTR PERF class of 20' & MaT class of 21'  
[Read the recent SCTA Newsletter here.](#)

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**Winthrop University welcomed educators around the state to the ABC Schools Fall Meeting this past week!**

Big thanks to Kim Wilson (*Director of the ABC Institute*), Amanda Noyes (*SC Arts Commission*), Roger Simpson (*SC DOE*), and Karen Oremus (*our fearless*





Dean).

*\*Pictured Kim Wilson and Provost Sebastian Van Delden*



**Professors of Music, Dr. Tomoko Deguchi and Dr. Ron Parks** attended the big Panda Fest in Ballantyne, Charlotte on September 14.

Congratulations Tomoko on a fantastic performance on stage as part of the festivities!

[Panda Fest](#) is one of the biggest outdoor Asian food festivals in the US that showcases vibrant food, art, and cultural traditions from Asia.

*\*Pictured with Provost Sebastian Van Delden*



**Savannah Garrison, Graphic Design Alumn '25** was recently featured in an [article for Queen City News!](#)

The Article (linked above) is titled "Winthrop college student turns her creativity and passion into commerce" and talks about her journey working with [Student Made Rock Hill.](#)





**Ian D. Pearson, Professor of Musicology**, published an article titled, ["What Johann Mattheson Said About the Origin of Music and Ancient Greek Scholarship in His Three Orchestre Treatises to Vindicate His Practical and Aesthetic Approach to Musicianship for the \*Galant Homme\*"](#) in *International Review of the Aesthetics and Sociology of Music* 56/1 (June 2025).

This study showcases Mattheson's pedantry, erudition, and wit as he compares the musical philosophies of six ancient Greek scholars to his own musical experience in the late Baroque Period.

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**The Winthrop Chorale was invited to perform at SCMEA** (*South Carolina Music Educators Association*) this upcoming February!

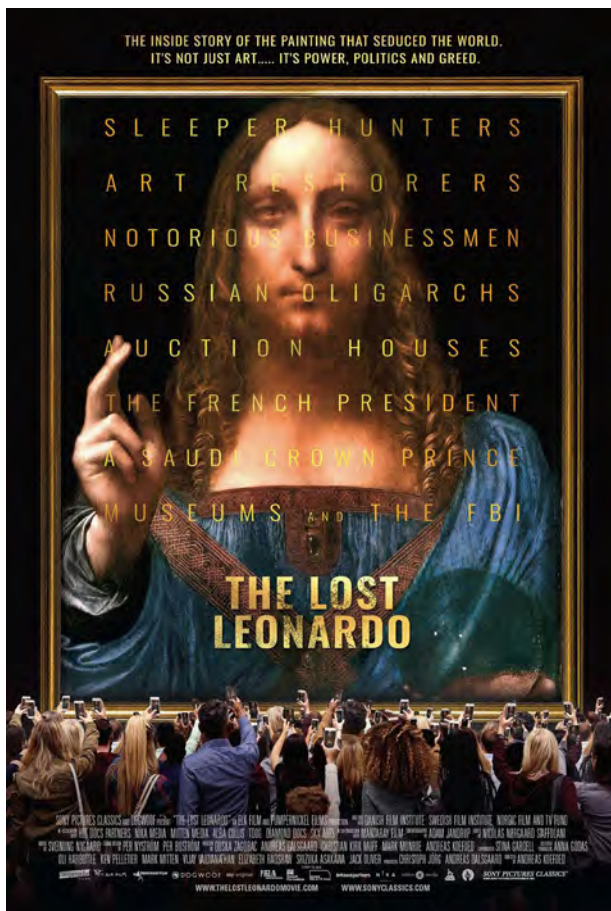
[Find out more about the SCMEA Conference here.](#)

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Art History Program will be screening [\*\*\*The Lost Leonardo\*\*\*](#) and having their spring showcase on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:30pm in Dina's Place.

*\*This is an approved cultural event.*



***Check out the new CVPA ArtsEducation Newsletter!***

## CVPA ARTS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



### Summer Spotlight

CVPA Arts Education Program Coordinators are dedicated to innovative program development and initiatives that serve K-12 programs across South Carolina. Congratulations to the STARTS summer program hosting over 200 students grades 6-8. Please save the date **June 8-26, 2026!!!**



### SCDEN and SCDE Arts Institute

The SC Department of Education and the SC Dance Education Network provides professional development for all K-12 dance teachers statewide through the Arts Institute sponsored grant. CVPA Director of Arts Education and Professor Gabrielle Tull collaborated with guest artist Richard Durlach on jazz and social dances at America's historical landmark the Big Apple.

SCTA Thespians organization held its first ever THED Con centralized in theatre education and leadership. Theater Education Program Director Professor Stephen Gundersheim is seen here with former Winthrop Alumni Kalayiah Hazelton in a break-off session. This fall, he is also the director of The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee from October 22-26.



## Fall Momentum



**The More You Know...**  
The music education program provides two K-12 certification licensure tracks in Choral and Instrumental concentrations.

### Music Education

**Program Director** Professor Julia McCallum serves as the lead conductor for elementary school honors choirs in both Spartanburg five and Dorchester two school districts.

### Graduate Programs

ALL of our arts education programs have graduate pathways towards certification in the Masters of Arts in Teaching. To learn more click and follow [HERE](#)

### Arts Education

**Program Director** Dr. Michelle Livek has recently developed collaborations with the Southern Graphics Council International (SGCI) to bridge the gap between printmakers and visual art educators.

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### Our May 2025 Graduates Job Placements Statewide

- Round Top Elementary (ABC School)
- North Elementary
- Old Pointe Elementary
- Berea Middle
- Dutchman Creek Middle
- Springfield Middle
- Sullivan Middle

## Are you an Alumn(us/a) of ArtsWinthrop?

We want to keep in touch with you! Please create your alumni profile at the link below so we can continue grow our alumni network, and share your good news and life updates!

[Create your alumni profile here!](#)



We love to keep in touch and brag about our alumni! Alumni are encouraged to use this portal to keep up with the latest alumni news and to keep their profiles up to date.

[CREATE/EDIT ALUMNI PROFILE](#)

[SUBMIT YOUR NEWS](#)

[SUBMIT ALUMNI OPPORTUNITY](#)

## ALUMNI PROFILES

*The ArtsWinthrop Alumni project is in the works and more profiles will be coming soon...*

*"If you are an Alumnus/a, or know someone who is, **please create your alumni profile today** and help us build our online Alumni network!"*



**JULIA MCCALLUM**

M.M.E., 2010, B.M.E., 1997

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