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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will host the Illinois Chamber Music Festival and Camp July 10-30 as part of the IWU Summer Music Program.

The program, which is open to high school and college students, will open with a faculty performance on Sunday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). The concert will feature renditions of *Mozart Oboe Quartet*, *Britten Temporal Variation for Oboe and Piano*, *Chopin Nocturne* and *Arensky Piano Trio*. Faculty for the camp will include instructors who teach violin, viola, cello, piano, wind instruments and guitar.

The Arianna String Quartet, recognized for their outstanding musicianship and attaining national attention by winning the Grand Prize in the 1994 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, will be the quartet in residence during this year's camp. The quartet – comprised of violinist's John McGrosso and David Gillham, Joanna Mendoza on viola and cellist Kurt Baldwin – will perform on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m.

During the three weeks of intensive chamber music training, daily activities will range from master classes and daily coaching to rehearsals and performances by students, faculty and guests. Camp participants will also experience activities such as singing, international dance, swimming and tennis while residing on IWU's campus.

Throughout the camp, students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents to the public. Student concerts will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 3 p.m., Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 23 at 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The camp will close with a student performance on Saturday, July 30 at 3 p.m. in Westbrook. All performances are free and open to the public.

To learn more about the music festival and faculty go to <http://www.iwu.edu/music/k12/camp.shtml>. For additional information contact Nina Gordon via email at ngordon@iwu.edu or by phone at (309) 556-3828.

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