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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Famed classical trombonist Charlie Vernon of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will join the Illinois Wesleyan University Civic Orchestra conducted by Steve Eggleston in a performance titled *Evening of Premieres* at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (600 East St., Bloomington).

Tickets for the event are $10, with special pricing of $5 for seniors and IWU alumni, and $2 for IWU students. Children in eighth grade and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, (309) 434-2777, or online at **www.cityblm.org/bcd/**.

Charlie Vernon

Vernon has played bass trombone with the Baltimore Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony and the Philadelphia Orchestra, where he performed for five seasons. He joined the legendary brass section of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1986. In 1991, he gave the world premiere of Ellen Taaffe Zwilich's *Concerto for Bass Trombone*.

The event is part of the ongoing celebration of 40 years of the Jazz Program at Illinois Wesleyan, and a tribute to Professor of Music Tom Streeter, who founded the Jazz Program and plans to retire in May.

Activities have been planned throughout the academic year to help celebrate the program and Streeter's love of jazz, especially trombone music: a **Jazz Band reunion** last year at Homecoming, a special performance by trombonist and composer Steve Wiest at the 36th annual **Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival**; and a Jazz Ensemble tour in March.

For further information on the anniversary celebration, contact the Illinois Wesleyan School of Music at (309) 556-3061.

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