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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will present *Die Fledermaus* (*The Bat*), an opera in three acts by Johann Strauss. Performances will be Thursday, November 21 at 8 p.m., Friday, November 22 through Saturday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 at 3 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

Performances will be free and open to the public.

Die Fledermaus is a romantic-comedic opera set in Vienna in the 1890's. The opera is a story of revenge, hidden identity and the comedic results of a practical joke played on a friend.

Robert Mangialardi, visiting assistant professor of music, will direct the opera and Susan Klotzbach, University organist and instructor of organ, will be the musical director. The opera will be sung in English and will feature musicians from Wesleyan's Chamber Orchestra.

Cast members will include: Chloe Bluml and Clarisse Tobia* (Rosalinda), Lauren Shafer and Megan Callison* (Adele), John Cossio and Michael Hansen* (Gabriel Von Eisenstein), Jonathan Smith (Alfred), Becky Buechel (Prince Orlofsky), Christopher Grills (Dr. Blind), Sam Mullooly (Dr. Falke), Matt Teeling (Frank), Alyssa Gibson (Sally), Eric Sepulveda (Ivan) and Mark Timmerman (Frosch).

For additional information, contact the School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.

*Denotes Thursday and Saturday night cast (when not playing that role, these cast members will perform in the chorus).

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