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## **Comedian Demetri Martin to Appear at IWU**

- Event:** Illinois Wesleyan's Funny Bone Comedy Club presents: comedian Demetri Martin, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities
- Date:** Feb. 4 (Friday)
- Time:** 8 p.m.
- Location:** Hansen Student Center, 300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington
- Admission:** Free and open to the public
- Background:** New York writer-comedian Demetri Martin never planned for a career in comedy. The Yale University Law School dropout began his comedy career after deciding law school was "boring" and began doing stand-up routines at the Boston Comedy Club in Greenwich Village.

Martin is said by critics to show how wonderful it is to be different with "ingenious structure and delivery." Martin's special achievements include a 224-word palindrome poem which is the same forwards as backwards, complex 3-D crossword puzzles, and unicycling.

Since his comedic debut, Martin has walked away with first place at the Perrier Awards and the 2003 Jury Award prize for "Best One-Person Show" at the Aspen Comedy Festival. He has been given five stars by Comedy Channel's critics as well as earning their "Approved Comedian" ranking.

Martin has appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Last Call with Carson Daly," "Comedy Central's 'Premium Blend,'" "Comedy Central Presents," and NBC's "Late Friday." He currently tours comedy clubs around the country.

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