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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan’s School of Theatre Arts will present a chamber musical about the power of theatre, *A Man of No Importance* on Feb. 7-11 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre (304 E. Graham St., Bloomington).

Based on a 1994 independent film starring Albert Finney, *A Man of No Importance* is about the journey of self-discovery and acceptance of Alfie Byrne, a 1960s Dublin bus conductor who loves to recite poetry to the patrons on his bus. Alfie also is the director at the local community theatre, run out of the basement of a small parish, in which his bus patrons become his performers. In a world where the budding sexual freedom happening in other places is barely whispered about, *A Man of No Importance* illuminated the universal theme to be loved and to love in return.

Directed by IWU Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Tom Ossowski, *A Man of No Importance* features book by Terrence McNally, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty.

Tickets for the show are \$3 for general admittance, \$2 for seniors (65+) and \$1 with a valid student I.D. For additional information or to order tickets, beginning Jan. 30, call the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232.

Cast Members: Brad Smoak (Alfie), Mike Yarnell (Father Kenny, Carson), Nicky Schuenke (Mrs. Grace), Kelly Klein (Miss Crowe), Carol Rose (Mrs. Curtin), Justin Banta (Baldy, Monsignor), Ryan Naimy (Ernie, Mate #1), Michael Black (Rasher, Mate #2), Alex Goldberg (Sully, Mate #3), Tim Martin (Peter, Policeman, Mate #4), Bryonha Parham (Lily), Vaughn Irving (Carney, Oscar Wilde), Don Denton (Robbie), Sarah Ziebart (Mrs. Patrick, Kitty, Customer), Torrie Newman (Adele), Peter Durkin (Breton Beret).

Production Team: Tom Ossowski (Director, Musical Director), Adam Lillibridge (Scenic Designer), Janessa Styck (Costume Designer), Sara Gorsky (Lighting Designer), Zach Zube (Choreographer), Carol Rose (Dance Captain), Lindsay Vrab (Stage Manager), Amy Cornelius (Asst. Stage Manager), Lauren Summers (Asst. Costume Designer), Megan Keane (Asst. Costume Designer), Armie Thompson (Technical Director), Kristin Meyer (Asst. Technical Director), Dan Andruss (Property Master), Nolan Kennedy (Master Electrician), Sarah Bordson (Publicity Coordinator), Peter Gray (Graphic Design), Wardrobe Head (Trish Nosek).