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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will host its first Brass Day on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The day includes a performance and classes with Tower Brass, a Chicago-based brass ensemble.

The events begin with registration at 12 p.m. in Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). Following registration will be an introductory session titled “Working in a Brass Ensemble” at 1 p.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 Park St., Bloomington). At 2:30 p.m., a recital performed by Tower Brass will take place in the chapel and will include such pieces as *The Earle of Oxford’s Marche*, *Ein Feste Burg*, *Urban Litany* and *Canzon Septimi toni No. 2*. Following the concert, Tower Brass will hold master classes in Presser Hall from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tower Brass was founded by Matthew Comerford in the spring of 1997 after generous donations and many requests for more brass music at Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. The ensemble performs regularly in the Chicagoland area and is regarded as “one of the finest brass ensembles in the area.”

The ensemble is composed of eight members including Comerford on trumpet, Peter Ellefson on trombone, Gregory Flint on horn, David Inmon on trumpet, Matthew Lee on trumpet, Charles Schuchat on tuba, Ward Stare on trombone and IWU Professor of Horn Christine Worthing on horn.

The members of Tower Brass are highly accomplished artists whose combined individual performances include such ensembles as Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Grant Park Symphony and the Ravinia Festival Orchestra. The members have also done theatrical performances and have recorded both commercially for film and television and for solo CDs.

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