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## Collegiate Choir to Conclude Annual Tour with Home Concert

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Collegiate Choir will perform its annual tour home concert on Tuesday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (110 E. Mulberry St., Bloomington).

The event, which is free and open to the public, is the final of eight performances the ensemble will give during its 2007 concert tour. The tour begins Saturday, March 17 and will include performances in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut.

The concert program consists of five sections. The first section includes three pieces, two sung in Latin, composed around the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The second part is *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*, Op. 29, No. 1, by Johann Brahms. The third will be *In the Beginning*, by Aaron Copland. The fourth section will feature four contemporary pieces, including the world premier of György Orbán's *Solvere volo*, composed in 2006. This premier will be possible thanks to the Sylvia Monti Anderson Commissioned Choral Work Fund honoring Delta Omicron, the international music fraternity, at Illinois Wesleyan. The concert's final section will include three pieces, one to be sung in Swedish and one in Slovak.

Under the direction of J. Scott Ferguson, director of choral activities at Illinois Wesleyan, the Collegiate Choir has established a long history of excellence through its on-campus performances, annual tours and recordings. Upon hearing a recent tour concert, a conductor from New York said that the choir performs with "Full, clear voices full of joy in ensemble singing. Go where they are and listen and revel in outstanding choral singing."

The 59-voice ensemble is dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music of the past five centuries. The choir also sponsors the IWU Choral Commission Series, which in its 53-year history has added many significant works to the choral repertoire and has resulted in a number of important world premieres at Illinois Wesleyan.

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