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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Singer-songwriter Ari Hest will give his third concert at Illinois Wesleyan on Friday Nov. 9 at the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public. Guitarist Mike Errico will be the opening act at 6 p.m., with Hest following.

Hest will perform with his full band, focusing on songs from his recently-released album *The Break-In*. Several of the compositions are co-written with other musicians, such as percussionist Scott Selver and bassist Rob Calder; both tour with Hest as members of his band.

Like all of his previous records, *The Break-In* is said to showcase Hest's vocal range and unique lyrics, emphasizing his low-key mood and acoustic sound. The *Los Angeles Times* describes his music as, "Good harmonic movement, an emotional direct voice and [he is] a heck of a guitar player, too, Hest has the capacity to surprise."

Hest himself describes *The Break-In* as his interpretation of viewing the world as an observer instead of a participant, "A lot of my earlier songs were inspired by things I went through, like struggling with love and relationships. This time, on many songs I consciously took a step back and tried to look through other people's eyes."

Errico will also perform songs from his new album *All In*, a minimalist interpretation of music and lyrics. *The New York Times* says, "*All In* is wonderful. Errico manages to get more sophisticated, more bare bones, more subtle...all at the same time. An amazing thing."

