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### **Theatre Students to Perform One-Act Plays**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present *Aria Da Capo* and *Two Precious Maidens Ridiculed* on Thursday, May 21 through Saturday, May 23.

The performances will take place at 8 p.m. each evening. *Aria Da Capo* will be performed on the outdoor stage outside the McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington). The performance of *Two Precious Maidens Ridiculed* will immediately follow and will take place in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre (304 E. Graham St., Bloomington).

Advance tickets are available by calling the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232. Ticket prices are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1 for those with a valid Illinois Wesleyan ID. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the box office from 7 to 8 p.m. before each show.

*Aria Da Capo*, written by Edna St. Vincent Millay, is a one-act play that attacks three perennial and interrelated evils—greed, war and man's general inhumanity to his fellow man—stylized with the use of familiar commedia dell'arte characters. The plot is centered on the shallow lives of a bourgeois couple and a pair of shepherds who erect an imaginary fence and die when the fence becomes too real.

Also a one-act play, Moliere's *Two Precious Maidens Ridiculed* tells the tale of two men who plot to ridicule the women who spurned them for not meeting their high standards. Set in 17<sup>th</sup> century France, the play is a commentary on literary tendencies, manners, human nature and, most of all, theatre itself.

For additional information about the performances or to purchase tickets in advance, call the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232.

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