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School of Music to Present *La Boheme*

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will present the opera *La Boheme* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. Performances will take place in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

La Boheme was composed by Giacomo Puccini and premiered in Turin, Italy in 1896. The four-act opera is based on Henri Murger's novel *Scenes de la vie de Boheme*. The plot revolves around a group of artists in Paris circa 1830 and focuses on the tragic tale of love between Rodolfo, a poet, and Mimi, a poor seamstress. The students will perform an English adaptation of the opera.

For additional information, contact the School of Music office at (309) 556-3061.

Cast Members: Paul Cochran (Rodolfo), Jonathan Smith (Rodolfo understudy), Dan Megli (Marcello), Michael Hansen (Marcello understudy), Natalie Cummings* and Angela Born** (Mimi), Brittany Schmutzler* and Alli Crain** (Musetta), Matt Skibo (Schaunard), Stefan Riley (Colline), Andy LoDolce (Alcindoro)

*performing on Friday, Nov. 13

**performing on Sunday, Nov. 15

Chorus: Melissa Adamson, Cassidy Campbell, Rachel Carreras, Cassie Coglianese, Stephanie Cesaroni, Alyson Golladay, Holly Haines, Erick Henderson, Marissa Jones, Justyn Jost, Hannah McCoy, Meagan Melloy, Peter Moeller, Joe Mureillo, Hanna Pristave, Stephanie Rosenbaugh, Nicole Schneider, Lauren Timmons, Suzanne Whitney, Ryan Woodall

Director: Bob Mangialardi

Music Director/accompanist: Susan Klotzbach