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School of Theatre Arts to Present *Pippin*

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present the 1972 Broadway musical, *Pippin*. The performance will take place in the University's McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington) at 8 p.m. from Nov. 17 to Nov. 21. A matinee performance will be held Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

Pippin was originally directed by Broadway legend, Bob Fosse, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, the mind behind popular musicals such as *Godspell* and *Wicked*. IWU's production of *Pippin* is directed by IWU choreographer Jean Kerr. *Pippin* is packed with bloody battles, backstabbing plots, pastoral romance and magic tricks.

Tickets will be available for purchase Monday, Nov. 9. General admission is \$10 for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. Senior citizens receive a \$1 discount off tickets, and student tickets are \$2 with a valid school ID.

For additional information, or to reserve tickets for *Pippin*, please contact the McPherson Theatre box office at 309-556-3232.

Leading Cast: Ian Coulter-Buford (Lead Player), Neil Stratman (Pippin), Ryan Simpson (Charlemagne), Josh Conrad (Lewis), Carly Stocking (Fastrada), Erin Daly (Bertha), Kate Schmidt (Catherine).

Production Team: Jean Kerr (Director/Choreographer), Kelly Rice (Stage Manager). Bernadette Brennan (Scene Designer), Devin Clancy (Costume Designer), Adam Groeninger (Lighting Designer).