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February 4, 2005

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - R. Kent Cook, associate professor of piano at Illinois Wesleyan University, will perform a premiere of a new composition by composer Jan Krzywicki as part of his spring faculty recital on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 1210 Park St., Bloomington.

The recital is free and open to the public.

Krzywicki, an active composer, conductor and educator, is the recipient of a Pew Fellowship in the Arts. His works have been widely performed by prestigious ensembles and recorded on the Albany, Capstone, North-South and De Haske labels. Since 1987 he has been a member of the music theory department at Temple University teaching courses in analysis, performance practice, and ear training.

The composition, which was commissioned by the men's music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha especially for Cook to perform, is titled *Alchemy*.

Krzywicki will be in attendance for the premiere.

In addition to the new composition, Cook's recital will include *Sonata in B Minor* by Scarlatti, *Rhapsodie Espagnole* by Franz Liszt, and *Sonata in B-flat Major* by Schubert.

Cook has been a member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1999.

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