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A Bold Stroke for a Wife to Take Mainstage at IWU

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present its last mainstage production of the year, *A Bold Stroke For A Wife*, April 12-17 in McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington).

Performances will be at 8 p.m. April 12-16 and at 2 p.m. April 17. The production is under the direction of Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Sara Freeman.

A Bold Stroke For A Wife, first performed in 1718, was written by Susanna Centlivre, one of the first professional female playwrights. Critics have described *A Bold Stroke For A Wife* as “perhaps the finest example of Centlivre's masterful plotting of comic intrigue.” Set in 18th century England, the play tells the story of a military officer, Colonel Fainwell, who wishes to marry a young woman named Anne Lovely. However, standing in Fainwell's way are Anne's four guardians who include an antiquarian, an old beau, a Quaker, and an exchange broker. In order to have Anne's hand in marriage, Fainwell has to convince each of these protectors that he will make an ideal husband. In hopes of obtaining their permission through flattery, Fainwell dresses in elaborate disguises, which mimic the varying personalities and occupations of the guardians he is to persuade.

Tickets are \$6 for performances on April 12, 13, and 17 and \$8 for performances on April 14, 15 and 16, or \$1.00 with a valid student I.D. Tickets can be purchased by calling the McPherson Theatre Box Office at 556-3232.

For additional information, contact the School of Theatre Arts at (309) 556-3195.

Cast	Role
Zach Bosteel	Tradelove
Don Denton	Sir Phillip Modelove
Annie DiMaria	Betty
Timothy Dunn	Colonel Fainwell
Matt Erickson	Obidiah Prim
Katie Genualdi	Anne Lovely
Vaughn Irving	Periwinkle
Loren Jones	ensemble member
Megan Keach	Mrs. Prim
Katie Konrath	ensemble member
Adam Lillibridge	Simon Pure
Adam Miller	ensemble member
Torri Newman	Mrs. Sackbut

Gilliam Weston	Freeman
Sarah Ziebart	ensemble member
Crew	Title
Rachel Brown	Assistant Costume Designer
Rob Carroll	Master Carpenter
Josh Epstein	Lighting Designer
Sara Freeman	Director
Jesse Gaffney	Assistant Technical Director
Loren Jones	Assistant Stage Manager
Nolan Kennedy	Assistant Lighting Designer
Katie King	Assistant Stage Manager
Brian Kowalski	Assistant Scenic Designer
Dale Marshall	Assistant Lighting Designer
Marcia McDonald	Costume Designer
Kristen Meyer	Properties Head
Emily Monteagudo	Stage Manager
Justin Murphy	Assistant Scenic Designer
Ryan Naimy	Wardrobe Head
Elizabeth Schroeder	Assistant Costume Designer
Kelly Britt Shaw	Hair/Makeup Designer
Janessa Styck	Assistant Costume Designer
Armie Thompson	Technical Director
Curtis Trout	Scenic Designer