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Event: *The Triumph of Love* A timeless French farce by Pierre Marivaux, first performed in 1732.

Performances: Nov. 18, 19, 20; Dec. 2, 3, 4

Time: 8 p.m. (all performances)

Location: IWU's McPherson Theatre, 304 E. Graham St., Bloomington

Tickets: Thursday performances: \$4 general admission, \$3 senior citizens, and \$1 students; Friday-Saturday performances: \$6 general admission, \$5 senior citizens, \$1 students

Ticket Information: McPherson Theatre Box Office, 309/556-3232

Director: John Ficca, IWU professor of theatre arts

Background: *Triumph of Love* is a witty comedy first performed in 1732 by the Comedians Italiens.

James Magruder, translator of this new version of the play, said: "Love is delightful, love is cruel, leaving victors and victims in its wake. Marivaux honors both extremes in this wonderful play."

Triumph of Love found recent fame in a celebrated musical adaptation, appearing on Broadway in 1997.

In the IWU production, follow the cunning and witty Princess Leonide on her mission to woo and win the object of her affection, the handsome, but sheltered, Agis. Her missionborn of the best intentions soon turns into a juggling tour de force in order to disguise her true femininity from him. Other obstacles: Agis' wise and hopelessly over-bearing caretakers who desperately wish to defend their learned solitude from the loathsome enemy, love.