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IWU Students Produce, Record, Market
Compact Disc for the Christmas Season

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Renditions of "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman," "O Tannenbaum," and other classic Christmas carols are featured on a new compact disk for the holiday season produced, recorded, and marketed by a dozen Illinois Wesleyan University students.

Profits from the sale of A Musician's Christmas, which features 16 holiday songs and carols, are earmarked for the Peoria Journal-Star's Christmas Fund, a charity.

A Musician's Christmas will be available later this month at Thanksgiving for \$10 a copy.

Highlighting the CD are vocal and instrumental performances by individual IWU students and university ensembles, including the jazz combo, Active Ingredient. Todd Tucker, IWU associate professor of music, also performs on the CD.

Clint W. Sabin, an IWU sophomore majoring in public relations from East Peoria, Ill., and a Metamora High School graduate, is spearheading the CD project.

"Last year," Sabin said, "when I was home from Christmas I was listening to my parents' country music Christmas CDs and it occurred to me that most musicians do Christmas music for profit--not for the joyousness of the season.

"So I thought someone should make a CD and donate the profits to charity," added Sabin, who is head of the CD Committee.

Project expenses were underwritten by \$1,600 in prerecording sales of the CD to IWU music majors and other donations.

A Musician's Christmas was recorded Oct. 26-27 in IWU's Evelyn Chapel, which is known for its first-class acoustics. Dan Solovitz--an IWU senior from Rochester, Minn., majoring in music composition--recorded the CD. Solovitz, according to Sabin, plans to pursue a career in the recording business following graduation.

The CD is being manufactured by the Bloomington-based Sinewave Studios, Inc. An initial run of 1,000 copies will be produced.

A Musician's Christmas will be distributed and marketed through area churches, retail stores, nursing homes, and IWU's chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, the professional music fraternity, which sponsored the project. The IWU chapter of the American Marketing Association is helping to market the CD to the public.

The CD cover features a photo of Evelyn Chapel decorated for Christmas with a grand piano at center stage.

Highlighting A Musician's Christmas are:

• **Joy to the World (brass quintet)**

- Guy Kelpin (arranger), a senior from Waukesha, Wis., majoring in music.
- Olivia Malin, a senior from Burkittsville, Md., majoring in music.
- Beth McCabe, a sophomore from Bonfield, Ill., majoring in music education.
- Sean Parsons, a sophomore from Peru, Ill., majoring in music.
- Beth Ribble, a senior from Hettick, Ill., majoring in music.

• **O Come, All Ye Faithful (trumpet solo)**

- Pete Weber (trumpet), a senior from Arlington Heights, Ill., majoring in music education.

- Jason Mondello (piano), a senior from Grayslake, Ill., majoring in music.
- **The First Noel (clarinet solo)**
 - Matt Newhouse (clarinet), a junior from Arlington Heights, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Kevin Van Prooyan (piano), a junior from Lombard, Ill., majoring in music education.
- **O Holy Night (vocal soprano solo)**
 - Laura Engelhardt (soprano), a senior from Yorkville, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Kevin Van Prooyan (piano), a junior from Lombard, Ill., majoring in music education.
- **Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire (saxophone quartet)**
 - Mike Rich (arranger), a senior from Lisle, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Andy Ritger, a senior from Random Lake, Wis., majoring in computer science.
 - Chuck Stolarek, a sophomore from Peotone, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Andrew Stott, a sophomore from LaGrange, Ill., majoring in computer science.
- **We Three Kings of Orient Are (jazz piano solo)**
 - Sean Parsons, a sophomore from Peru, Ill., majoring in music.
- **Away in a Manger (dulcimer solo)**
 - Todd Tucker, associate professor of music.
- **O Tannenbaum (baritone vocal solo)**
 - Rick Kaminski (baritone), a junior from Lombard, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Jason Mondello (piano), a senior from Grayslake, Ill., majoring in music.
- **Angels We Have Heard on High (piano solo)**
 - Benjamin Killey, a senior from Roseville, Ill., majoring in music.
- **Frosty the Snowman (Active Ingredient, jazz combo)**
 - Gary Bleck, a junior from Warren, Ill., majoring in chemistry.
 - Andy Giller, a senior from Des Moines, Iowa, majoring in music.
 - Sean Parsons, a sophomore from Peru, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Mark Thomson, a junior from Shannon, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Dan Witte, a junior from Niles, Ill., majoring in music.
- **What Child is This (The Ethos String Quartet)**
 - Sharon Chung, a junior from Buffalo Grove, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Luke Herman, a junior from Waukegan, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Karl Knapp, a junior from Fort Atkinson, Wis., majoring in music.
 - Erica Schambach, a sophomore from St. Charles, Ill., majoring in music education.
- **Fum Fum Fum (vocal octet)**
 - Anonymous
- **I Saw Three Ships (baritone vocal solo)**
 - Michael Cavalieri, a senior from Oak Forest, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Alan Warren (piano), a sophomore from Chicago, majoring in music.
- **Jingle Bells (string bass quartet)**
 - Graham Czach, a sophomore from Palatine, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Karl Knapp, a junior from Fort Atkinson, Wis., majoring in music.
 - Jeremy Nicholas, a sophomore from Kenosha, Wis., majoring in music.
 - Erwin Vreeman, a freshman from Zurich, Ill., majoring in music.
- **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (trombone quintet)**
 - Michael Cavalieri, a senior from Oak Forest, Ill., majoring in music.
 - Guy Kelpin (arranger), a senior from Waukesha, Wis., majoring in music.
 - Sean Parsons, a sophomore from Peru, Ill., majoring in music.

- Mark Thomson, a junior from Shannon, Ill., majoring in music.
- Kevin Van Prooyen, a junior from Lombard, Ill., majoring in music education.

• **Silent Night (violin solo)**

- Sharon Chung (violin), a junior from Buffalo Grove, Ill., majoring in music.
- Kevin Van Prooyen (piano), a junior from Lombard, Ill., majoring in music education.

Members of the CD Committee are: Ben Johnson, a junior majoring in public accounting from Shorewood, Ill.; Dave Maday, sophomore from Arlington Heights, Ill., majoring in music; Joe Maffia, a sophomore from LaGrange, Ill., majoring in English; Kaminski; Killey; Parsons; Van Prooyen; Rich; Sabin; Solovitz; Stolarek, and Thomson.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a national professional music fraternity, founded in 1898 at Boston's New England Conservatory. The fraternity has 203 chapters nationwide.

Past members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia include: SAMUEL Barber, Duke Ellington, Andy Griffith, Luciano Pavarotti, Fred Rogers, Doc Severinson, and John Phillip Sousa.

Phi Mu Alpha's goals are to increase public awareness of music's key role in enriching the human spirit, as well as to promote advances in music research, education, and performance.

A Musician's Christmas is sponsored by IWU's Alpha Lambda Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha.

For copies of the CD, write or call the IWU Phi Mu Alpha Chapter house at 303 E. Chestnut St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701 or 309/556-2612.

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