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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** Faculty Credo Chapel: Jared Brown, IWU professor of theater arts

**Date:** March 14 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

**Admission:** Free, open to the public

**Background:** Brown's faculty credo is titled, "Becoming a Mensch: A Work in Progress." Beyond an expression of his value system, Brown will talk about his past. Coming from a family of actors, Brown has had a great deal of experience in the theatre. His father, an actor, was backlisted when he was a teenager and this contributed to the development of his sense of values and morality. Brown will also discuss why he choose to teach rather than stay in the professional theatre, and he will take a look back on his experiences as a professor.

"This is a portrait of who I am," said Brown, who will retire in the spring of 2002. "It is a look back on what I have done and a look to what I will be doing in the future."

Brown earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ithaca College (Ithaca, N.Y.), a master's degree from San Francisco State University and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota. Prior to coming to IWU, Brown taught at Western Illinois University (1965-1989). The director of over 100 plays and musicals throughout his career, Brown's most recent production was Harold Pinter's "The Collection," which took the stage earlier this year.

Brown, formerly the director of the School of Theater Arts at IWU for 10 years, has published three books and is in the process of writing a fourth.

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