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### ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** Concert: The Arianna String Quartet at Illinois Wesleyan University

**Date:** Saturday, March 31

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave., Bloomington

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

**Program:** The concert will feature the following music with Mieko Hironaka on piano:

"Quartet in D Minor, K.42" by W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), "Night Fields" (1994) by Joan Tower (b. 1938) and "Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44" by Robert Schumann (1810-1856).

Members of the Arianna String Quartet are violinists John McGrosso and Rebecca Rhee, violist Mahoko Eguchi, and cellist Kurt Baldwin.

**McGrosso**, who joined the Arianna String Quartet in 1998, has appeared as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. He received a bachelor's and master's degrees from Juilliard and holds a performer's certificate from Northern Illinois University. He has studied chamber music with members of the Juilliard, Tokyo and Vermeer Quartets. From 1992-1999, McGrosso was a member of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

**Rhee**, a native of Hawaii, began to study violin when she was 10 years old. She went on to study at the University of Southern California and has studied at Northern Illinois University as well.

Rhee has appeared as a soloist with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and the Honolulu Youth Symphony. As a founding member of the Arianna String Quartet, Rhee has concertized throughout the United States and Japan.

As violist of the Arianna String Quartet, Mahoko Eguchi has performed throughout the United States and her native Japan. She received her degrees from Indiana University, Yale University, and Northern Illinois University.

**Eguchi** has been a member of the New World Symphony, New Haven Symphony and the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra and currently teaches chamber music at Eastern Michigan University and viola at the University of Michigan.

**Kurt Baldwin** began his cello studies in Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 12. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory. Baldwin earned a Master of

Music degree from the New England Conservatory and a Performance Certificate from Northern Illinois University.

As a founding member of the Arianna String Quartet, Baldwin has won grand prizes in the Fischhoff, Coleman and Carmel competitions and has given concerts throughout the United States and Japan. For several summers, Baldwin was the principal cellist of the Spoleto Festival in Italy and the United States.

**Contact:** For more information about the Arianna String Quartet, contact the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music office at 309/556-3061.

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