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## **Illinois Wesleyan to Host Midwest Cello Celebration**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The Midwest Cello Celebration, organized by Nina Gordon, assistant professor of cello and chamber music at IWU, will take place at Illinois Wesleyan University on October 27 and 28. The festival, which began eight years ago in Kansas City under Gordon's direction, will include cellists from Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin.

The two-day festival is free and open to the public.

On Saturday October 27, masterworks for cello solos and ensembles will be performed from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. On Sunday October 28, there will be a cello choir festival conducted by Steve Eggleston, IWU professor of brass instruments, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Both performances will take place in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 303 E. University Avenue.

Accomplished cellists such as Professor Tanya Remeni'Kova of Minnesota University and Professor Edward Lant of the University of Kansas will perform at the festival, alongside high school and college students, and cellists of all levels.

"I want the festival to celebrate the love of the cello," said Nina Gordon. "It isn't a competitive event for individual participants, but a chance for all cellists to come together and inspire each other to perform the instrument to the best of their abilities."

In addition to the performances scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, the cellists also will participate in workshops, rehearsals, and master classes.

### **About Nina Gordon**

Nina Gordon has studied at the Music Technical School of the Moscow Conservatory where she received a Bachelor of Music degree and the Academy of Music at the University of Tel Aviv where she received a Master of Music degree. Gordon is presently working on her doctoral degree at the University of Kansas. She has studied with Arcadi Latinski, Natalia Shahovskaya, Micha Harran, and George Ricci.

Gordon has performed extensively thorough out the world with various orchestras including the Benton String Quartet, Florida Philharmonic, Israel Chamber Orchestra, and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Zubin Mehta.