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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** IWU School of Music and Russian and East European Studies present: The University of Illinois (UIUC) Balkan Ensemble Balkanalia with the UIUC Hellenic Student Association Dancers.

**Date:** Feb. 10, 2002 (Sunday)

**Time:** 3 p.m. for lecture/demonstration and 4 p.m. for the concert

**Location:** Room 258 for the lecture/demonstration and Westbrook Auditorium for the concert, in IWU's Presser Hall, 303 E. University St., Bloomington

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

**Background:** Formed in the spring of 1998, Balkanalia is the UIUC Balkan Ensemble conducted by Donna Buchanan, University of Illinois professor of musicology. Last February the group performed a relief concert and gave all the proceeds to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for relief efforts in the Balkans and areas in Turkey that were devastated by an earthquake that hit the region in 1999.

### **About Donna Buchanan**

A specialist in the musical styles of Bulgaria and the people of Southeastern Europe, the Balkans, and the territories of the former Soviet Union, Buchanan has been an assistant professor of musicology since 1997. Her special interests include music as symbolic communication, music in aesthetic systems, music and power relations, music and cosmology, and music and social identity.

Buchanan's additional areas of teaching include Mediterranean traditional music, the musical culture of indigenous people, nationalism in Russian and East European classical music, and Russian musicians Musorgsky and Shostakovich.

Buchanan's articles have appeared in *Ethnomusicology*, *World's of Music*, *Balkanistica* and several other edited volumes. She recently presented papers at the 43rd annual meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology at Indiana University and the International Bartok Congress in Austin, Texas.

Buchanan received her bachelor of art degree from Beloit College and her Master of Music and doctorate from the University of Texas. She is currently completing a book, *Performing Democracy: Bulgarian Music and Musicians in Transition*.

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