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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music will present the faculty recital of R. Kent Cook, associate professor of piano and co-chair of keyboard department, on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

Performance pieces will include *Andante con Variazioni in f, Hob. XVII/6* by J.F. Hayden, *Three Mazurkas, Op. 59* and *Fantasia in f, Op. 49* by Frédéric Chopin, *Elegie, Op. 15, No. 2* by Pancho Vladigerov and *Sonata No. 6 in A, Op. 82* by Serge Prokofieff.

Cook, who joined the Illinois Wesleyan music faculty in 1999, has been playing the piano since the age of six. After receiving a degree in piano performance from Baylor University in Texas, he pursued both his masters and doctorate degrees in piano performance at Indiana University.

Prior to teaching at Illinois Wesleyan, Cook served on the music faculties at DePauw University, the Indiana University Piano Academy and the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. In 2009, he joined the faculty of the International Chamber Music Festival based in Kyustendil, Bulgaria.

Cook is an active soloist and chamber musician and has appeared at many venues throughout the United States and abroad. Regionally, he has played in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. While in Europe he performed in Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany and Italy.

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