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Lab Theatre to Present *Natural Selection*

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Theatre Arts will present Eric Coble's futuristic comedy, *Natural Selection*, March 9 to 11 at 8 p.m. in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre (304 E. Graham St., Bloomington).

Directed by Allie Beckmann, a senior theatre arts major from Glendale, Wis., *Natural Selection* tells the story of the not-so-distant future where the natural world is dying and technology is running rampant. Places such as Utah and Arizona are considered exotic and are virtually uninhabited. The play follows Henry Carson as he travels to this unknown land in order to procure a native for his Native American Pavilion at the theme park Culture Fiesta. Audiences will see whether or not Carson will succeed on this quest and how he will be changed by his journey to the outside world.

Tickets will be available beginning March 4. The general admission price is \$3, and senior citizens can purchase tickets for \$1 off the general rate. Student tickets are \$2 with a valid school ID.

For additional information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the McPherson Theatre box office at (309) 556-3232.

**Cast:** Steve Allhoff (Ernie Hardaway), Neil Stratman (Henry Carson), Ally Moravec (Yalanda Pastiche), Marlee Turim (Suzie Carson), Erin Daly (Penelope), Roz Prickel (Zhao Martinez), Britnee Ruscitti (Ms. Neidberding), Katelyn Schmidt (Ms. Fjeldstad), Sammi Grant (Terrance/Theresa Carson)

**Production Team:** Allie Beckmann (Director), Lindy Randall (Scene Designer), Caiti Frantzis (Costume Designer), Krystal Martinez (Lighting Designer)

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