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School of Theatre Arts to Present *Passion*

March 30, 2010

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan School of Theatre Arts will present the Tony Award-winning musical *Passion*. Performances will take place in the University's McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington) at 8 p.m. from Tuesday, April 6 to Saturday, April 10. A matinee performance will be held Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are now available for purchase. General admission is \$12 for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$14 for performances on Friday and Saturday. Senior citizens receive a \$1 discount off the general admission price and student tickets are \$2 with a valid school ID.

Based on Ettore Scola's film *Passione d'Amore*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, the musical focuses on an affair between an Italian soldier Giorgio and his married mistress Clara. Apart from Clara's husband, the lovers' affair is further complicated by an obsessive cousin of a colonel who is infatuated with Giorgio. The musical follows the long distance relationship between Giorgio and Clara, with much of the couple's affair told through the exchange of letters.

This production involves mature subject matter and brief nudity. Patrons are encouraged to use discretion when purchasing tickets.

For additional information, or to reserve tickets for *Passion*, contact the McPherson Theatre box office at (309) 556-3232.

Cast: Maia Diaz (Clara), Alex Pagels (Captain Giorgio Bachetti), Michael Hansen (Lieutenant Torasso), Nicholas Reinhart (Colonel Ricci), Nick Goodman (Doctor Tambourri), Ryan Simpson (Sergeant Lombardi/Fosca's father), Chase Miller (Lieutenant Barri), Andrew Tempkin (Major Rizolli), Chris Feiereisen (Private Augenti/Count Ludovic), Sarah Bockel (Fosca), Erika Lecaj (female attendant/Fosca's mother), Laura Martino (female attendant/mistress), Vince Gargaro (soldier), Peter Studlo (soldier), Caitlin Borek (female attendant), Laura Williams (female attendant).

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