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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Thursday, Oct. 21, the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will present a Student Composition Recital. The event, which is free and open to the public, is part of the IWU New Music Series and will take place at 8 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

The performance will feature works by Clarisse Tobia, a first-year vocal performance major from Sun Prairie, Wis.; Christopher Grills, a first-year piano performance major from Joplin, Mo.; Kyle Lewis, a sophomore music composition major from Grayslake, Ill.; and Jesse Schaar, a senior physics major from Mundelein. Also in the program will be Michelle Banas, a senior music composition major from Marshalltown, Iowa; and Katie Spencer, a senior music composition major with a business minor from Naperville, Ill.

Tobia will begin the recital with *Fantasy Pathway* on the piano. Following will be Grills on the piano as well, performing the second movement, *Adagio Cantabile e Affetuoso*, from *Piano Sonata No. 7 in C Sharp Minor*. The piece is an elegy dedicated in memory of his grandfather.

Lewis and Schaar will perform *Free Improvisation* together on the guitar and the piano, respectively. Banas will play *Wandering Through a Dream* on the piano.

The recital will close with *Traffic Lights* by Spencer, who will sing. Her composition will also feature senior Sara Ghadiri, from Long Grove, Ill., on vocals and the guitar, and senior Claire Karlen, from St. Louis, Mo., on the piano. Ghadiri is a philosophy and political science double major with a music minor and Karlen is a psychology major with a minor in Hispanic studies.

For additional information, contact the School of Music at (309) 556-3061.

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