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School of Music Presents *The Marriage of Figaro*

November 5, 2010

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will present the opera *The Marriage of Figaro* at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11; 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 13 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 14.

Performances will take place in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

The Marriage of Figaro (Le Nozze di Figaro), composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1786, tells the story of a day in the palace of Count Almaviva. The opera is described as an entertaining farce, complete with double-identities, closet-hiding and gender confusion, set amidst the political undertones of the French Revolution.

The students will perform an English adaptation of the opera. For additional information, contact the School of Music office at (309) 556- 3061.

Cast Members:

Daniel S. Megli & Michael Hansen* (Count Almaviva), Rachel Carreras & Stephanie Marisa Cesaroni* (Contessa Almaviva), Hanna Pristave & Allison Crain* (Susanna), Matt Skibo & Stefan Riley* (Figaro), Suzanne Whitney & Emily Hopkins* (Cherubino), Holly Haines & Cassandra Coglianese* (Marcellina), Joseph Muriello (Basilio), Mark Koester (Bartolo), Ryan Woodall (Antonio) and Melissa Adamson & Shelby Jones* (Barbarina).

* actors performing on Thursday and Saturday night

Director: Robert Mangialardi

Musical Director: Susan Klotzbach

Assistant Directors: Ashleen Davey & Megan Morissette

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