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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will present the New Music Café Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). The concert is free and open to the public.

The program will feature IWU Professor of Composition and Theory David Vayo performing his composition *Sandpails* with strings and piano and accompanied by vocalist Bob Mangialardi. *Sandpails* was composed using nine poems written by IWU Emeritus Professor of English James McGowan from his volume *Each Other, Where We Are*.

“I’ve been a friend of Jim’s and admired his work for many years,” said Vayo who adds that he loves the beautiful, clear, unguarded and humane way in which McGowan uses language. “He gave me dozens of his poems and I combed through them, setting aside those that especially appealed to me and then I put nine of those together in a sequence that made artistic sense to me.”

Although four of the poems have been performed previously, this will be the first performance of the entire composition.

Prior to the New Music Café, McGowan will read his poems at an event presented by the English Department entitled, “Poems in Five Decades: A Retrospective.” The reading will take place Thursday, March 10 at 4 p.m. in the Turfler Room of the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).

For more information about the New Music Café, contact the School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.

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