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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Kate Tombaugh, a 2007 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, recently won the Grace Keagy Award for Outstanding Vocal Promise.

Tombaugh received the award from the Kurt Weill Foundation in honor of singer-actress Grace Keagy (1921-2009). According to the foundation, which promotes understanding of life, the works of composer Kurt Weill (1900-1950), and the legacies of Weill and his wife, actress-singer Lotte Lenya (1898-1981), Keagy was “a great supporter” of the foundation and served as a past judge for the competition.

A native of Streator, Ill., Tombaugh received a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from IWU. She received her masters in vocal performance from the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati (CCM), Ohio. While attending CCM, Tombaugh was honored as a Dieterle Vocal Scholar for maintaining top grades and a high level of performance.

She has performed in musical theatre roles as “Annie Oakley” in *Annie*, *Get Your Gun*, “Sandy Dumbrowski” in *Grease*, as well as “Cinderella” in *Cinderella*. Tombaugh has also performed as a Gerdine Young Artist with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis and in the Opera Studio of the American Institute of Musical Studies Festival in Graz, Austria. In November of 2011, she performed at a guest recital at IWU and spoke at a School of Music Convocation. Tombaugh, who received the first David Nott Collegiate Choir Scholarship at IWU in April of 2006, was also featured in the **Winter 2011 edition of the *Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine***.

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Kate Tombaugh visited campus in November for a guest recital and speech during the School of Music Convocation.

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