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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Kate Tombaugh, a 2007 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, recently won the 2013 Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition (BAIVC), receiving a solo performance at Carnegie Hall as First Prize. She will make her debut vocal performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City on January 27, 2013.

The competition, designed for those seriously interested in pursuing a professional operatic career, is divided into four categories: high school, college, amateur adults and professional adults. According to the BAIVC, applicants are judged upon quality of voice, musicality, technique, diction and artistic interpretation. Winners are chosen by their capability to provide thought-provoking and inspiring performances that reflect the individual singer's understanding of the works.

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 continued her education at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), where she received a masters degree in vocal performance in 2010.

Tombaugh has performed as a Young Artist with the Santa Fe Opera, Utah Opera, The Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and in the Opera Studio of the A.I.M.S. Festival in Graz, Austria. She also received the "Grace Keagy Award" from the Kurt Weill Foundation and is a two-time Central District Winner in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

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Kate Tombaugh '07 performed with the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra during Homecoming 2012

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