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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The Illinois Wesleyan University Civic Orchestra will open its 30<sup>th</sup> season with a new music director, Lev Ivanov on Friday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts.

Ivanov has won international chamber music and conducting competitions. He studied at the Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music in Ukraine and received his doctorate from Arizona State University (ASU). At ASU he served as assistant conductor of ASU Symphony Orchestra and also conducted the ASU Sinfonietta. He has worked with several European and U.S. orchestras. He began teaching at IWU this fall.

The program includes Bizet's *Carmen* and Ravel's *Boléro* as well as Romanian folk music and other selections.

Professor Emeritus Steven W. Eggleston established the civic orchestra in 1984. It is an auditioned group of string, percussionist and wind students. The orchestra has performed alongside various eminent musical personalities, including virtuoso string bassist Edgar Meyer and Grammy Award-winning soprano Dawn Upshaw, who is also an Illinois Wesleyan alumna, and many others.

*By Mallika Kavadi '15*



Lev Ivanov