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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Civic Orchestra will present a chamber concert on Friday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Presser Hall's Westbrook Auditorium (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature selected members of the IWU Civic Orchestra along with guest artist Todd M. French, class of '93.

French, who received Illinois Wesleyan's 2003 Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, is the founder and president of StringWorks, one of the leading violin-family instrument retailers in the nation. The entrepreneur is a cellist with the Los Angeles Opera and the Los Angeles Master Chorale Sinfonia.

Under the direction of Steven W. Eggleston, professor of music, the ensemble will perform the *Marriage of Figaro Overture* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished)* by Franz Schubert, *Cello Concerto in C* by Franz Joseph Haydn featuring French on cello, and *Concerto for Two Cellos in G* by Antonio Vivaldi.

Founded in 1984, the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra is comprised of IWU students as well as musicians from the Bloomington-Normal community.

For more information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra Office at (309) 556-3346.



Todd French

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