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April 12, 2005

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The Illinois Wesleyan University Choir and Collegiate Choir will present a Spring Choral Concert on Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The concert, which is free and open to the public, is dedicated in memory of David Nott, director of choral activities at Illinois Wesleyan for 31 years. Nott, who died on Dec. 15, 2004, extended the annual choral commission project at Illinois Wesleyan, making it the longest program of its kind in the country. Nott took the IWU Collegiate Choir on yearly tours and the recordings he made of the choir received critical acclaim. Many of Nott's former students have become performers and choral directors and include Grammy-award-winning soprano Dawn Upshaw, who is married to Nott's oldest son, Michael.

Scott Ferguson, director of choral activities and associate professor of music, will direct the choirs.

The program will include: *Laudate Dominum*, by Philippe Rogier (sung in Latin); *Zadok the Priest, Coronation Anthem No. 1*, by G.F. Handel; *Nänie, Op. 82*, by Johannes Brahms (sung in German); *Horizons*, by Peter Louis Van Dijk; *Inscription for a Wayside Spring*, by Ben Allaway; *Requiem aeternam from Requiem*, by Frances Darwin Cornford (sung in Latin); *Nunc Dimittis*, by Alexander Gretchaninoff, adaptation by N. Lindsay Norden; *All Things Are Passing*, by Stephen Paulus, translation by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; *O Clap Your Hands*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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