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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University's Office of Student Activities will present a concert by the vocal band Naturally 7 on Friday, Sept. 1, in the Hansen Student Center, 300 Beecher St., in Bloomington. The event is free and open to the public.

Trained singers from New York, the seven members of the band began their careers as vocalists with a capella groups. In 1998, inspired by one member's spontaneous imitation of a harmonica, the group began using their voices to simulate the sound of instruments such as guitars, drums and bass. Because their music replicates the sound of instruments rather than just voices, Naturally 7 consider themselves a "noninstrumental" vocal band, rather than an a cappella group.

Although Naturally 7 released their first album, Non-Fiction, in the United States, in 2002 the group signed with the German label Festplatte. "Music is the Key," a single taken from their second album, What is it?, reached the number one spot on the German singles charts, selling over 220,000 copies in 2003. Naturally 7 continues to tour widely outside the United States and expects to release a third studio album, Ready II Fly, this year.

For more information, contact IWU's Office of Student Activities at (309) 556-3850 or visit their Web site at <https://www.iwu.edu/activities/>.



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