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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University will welcome the return of flutist/lecturer Galen Razzaq on Tuesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. in the Main Lounge of Memorial Center (104 University Dr., Bloomington).

Sponsored by IWU's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs as part of the university's celebration of Black History Month, the performance, called *Loving You*, will be free and open to the public.

Razzaq has performed with such artists as pianist Billy Taylor, Sonny Philips, Gwen Guthrie, Jimmy Heath, Melba Moore, Freda Payne and Sun Ra. Critics have described him as a "master" musician, although Razzaq has also succeeded as an arranger, composer, director, educator and writer.

A New Jersey native who began playing the flute at the age of 10, Razzaq performs at more than 150 colleges and universities each year. The former high school band director describes his musical niche with enthusiasm: "Whether I am presenting a lecture on The History of Jazz or performing a concert, I have a ball with the students and faculty. In a way, I am still in school-still teaching, but now I get to perform full-time."

According to Nicole Brown-Davis, director of multicultural student affairs at IWU, Razzaq previously performed on the IWU campus in conjunction with the university's Black Student Union, providing jazz music for a student poetry reading.



Galen Razzaq

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