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IWU Titan Film Series to Present *Rent*

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -Illinois Wesleyan University will present the film *Rent* as a part of its Titan Film Series in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington) on Friday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Sponsored by the IWU Office of Student Activities, the event is free and open to the public.

Directed by Chris Columbus, who also directed *Home Alone*, *Mrs. Doubtfire* and two of the Harry Potter films, *Rent* stars Anthony Rapp, Taye Diggs, Rosario Dawson, Jesse L. Martin, Adam Pascal and Idina Menzel.

*Rent* depicts a year in the lives of a group of modern-day bohemians living in New York's East Village. As the friends strive to remain true to their artistic ideals, they struggle to achieve success and acceptance in the face of poverty, illness and the AIDS epidemic.

The film is based on Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer and Tony Award winning musical of the same name, which is also a modernization of Puccini's opera *La Boheme*. Rapp, Diggs, Martin, Pascal and Menzel all starred in the original stage version of the show.

*Rent* is rated PG-13. For additional information, contact the Office of Student Activities (OSA) at (309) 556-3850 or browse the OSA Web site: <http://sun.iwu.edu/~studact/>.

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