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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will sponsor a concert by the Lund Chamber Choir of Sweden on Wednesday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 Park Street, Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

Critics say that the Lund Chamber Choir is one of the best in the world, according to Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities J. Scott Ferguson.

Founded by Eva Svanholm Bohlin at the Municipal School of Music in Lund, Sweden in 1983, the choir has been receiving international recognition nearly as long as it has been in existence. In 1984 the choir won second prize at the International Competitions in Llangollen, Wales. Since then it has won six other prestigious prizes and awards in worldwide competitions and has toured extensively in Europe, the Far East and the United States. The choir was invited to perform at the Southwestern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in St. Louis in March of this year.

Though previously associated with the Cathedral School in Lund, the choir now exists as an independent group. There are 32 singers between the ages of 20 and 35, many of who previously sang for the founder of the choir, Bohlin, in youth choirs.

The choir's current conductor, Hakan Olsson, founded the Lund Vocal Ensemble in 1989 and led it until 1993. After a sabbatical abroad, he rejoined the ensemble in 1995 as a singer and manager. Since 2001 he has been a member of the Malmo Chamber Choir. In 2004 he founded a Renaissance group of eight singers, called Voces Sine Nomine, and was elected conductor of the Lund Chamber Choir.

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