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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The Illinois Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert highlighting favorites from the American music repertory on the steps of Illinois Wesleyan University's Sheean Library, facing the Eckley Quadrangle, Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

Coordinated by IWU's May Term Office, the concert is free and open to the public and audience members are encouraged to bring a blanket or folding chairs to sit on. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson, in Bloomington.

The concert, "Our American Heritage: Lincoln's Legacy," will feature three pieces by Aaron Copland: "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Variations on a Shaker Melody" and "Lincoln Portrait," which will be narrated by Carren Moham, associate professor of voice at IWU's School of Music. The orchestra will also perform a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and John Williams' "Hymn to the Fallen," from the score of the film "Saving Private Ryan."

Under the direction of Karen Lynne Deal since 2000, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra is a professional ensemble created 12 years ago when the Bloomington-Normal Symphony Society and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association joined forces. Today the orchestra performs regularly in both communities.

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