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Austrian Ensemble to Perform  
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University will host the Pierrot Lunaire Ensemble Wien, one of the world's foremost classical new-music groups, who will hold guest recitals on Nov. 5 at 3:00 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 8:00 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 1210 N. Park St., in Bloomington.

These events are free and open to the public.

The group will also give a presentation to student composers and work with student chamber ensembles during their visit to campus. This is the only North American stop on their "Labyrinthmaker" tour, which is organized around the home countries of selected composers. "Poem," a piece by David Vayo, IWU professor of composition and theory, was selected for this tour, bringing the group to campus.

The group is named after, and bases their instrumentation on, the revolutionary composition, "Pierrot Lunaire," by Vienna-based composer Arnold Schoenberg, which, in many ways, ushered in the twentieth century in classical music. The ensemble, which ranges from solo to chamber orchestra, focuses on composers whose works are rarely performed, as well as young Austrian talents. The musicians direct their attention to music from Mediterranean and Eastern European countries, as well as China and India. The group has performed in Europe, South America and the United States.

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