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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - An exhibit featuring sketches, finished designs, models, scenic props and production photographs by Curtis Trout, director and scene designer at Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Theatre Arts, is on display now through October 14 at the McLean County Arts Center (MCAC), located at 601 N. East St. in downtown Bloomington

The exhibit, entitled "The Art of Scenic Design: Curtis C. Trout," features work from numerous Illinois Wesleyan productions. Trout has worked in the IWU Theatre Arts department since 1990. Prior to that, he designed sets for various theatres, ballets, and operas, and worked as a scenic artist at the Santa Fe Opera, the Peabody Institute, and Center Stage in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his master's in fine arts from Western Illinois University.

For the MCAC, Trout also constructed a 9' x 20' performance space, which includes a painted groundcloth, simulating a stage floor, and an ornate backdrop originally designed for IWU's production of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The space Trout designed will be used in a series of stage readings scheduled for the month of October.

Regular MCAC hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information, contact Alison J. Hatcher, curator for the McLean County Arts Center, at (309) 829-0011.



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