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April 30, 2007

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music's Wind Ensemble will tour the Midwest from Wednesday, May 2 through Friday, May 4, performing at six high schools in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois.

The ensemble will perform the following pieces from their spring concert program: *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* by John Adams, *Perthshire Majesty* by Samuel Hazo, *Molly on the Shore* by Percy Grainger, *Vientos y Tengos* by Michael Gandolfi, *Pineapple Poll* by Arthur Sullivan, *Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral* by Dmitri Kabalevsky, and *Nitro* by Frank Ticheli.

The first concert of the tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Ind., and, from there, the ensemble will travel to Muncie Southside High School in Muncie, Ind. to perform a concert at 7 p.m. On May 3, there will be a 1 p.m. concert at Springfield High School in Holland, Ohio, with musical clinics to follow. The ensemble will then travel to Sylvania Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio to perform at 7:30 p.m. On the tour's final day, May 4, the ensemble will perform at Portage Northern High School in Portage, Mich. at 11:30 a.m. Returning to Illinois, the final concert for the 2007 tour will be held at Homewood-Flossmoor High School in Flossmoor at 7:30 p.m.

The Wind Ensemble tours in different locations approximately every two years, giving the students the opportunity showcase their repertoire. The ensemble has been touring for 28 years, since director Steven Eggleston, professor of music, founded the group in 1979. Eggleston, widely recognized as a teacher of conducting, also founded and directs the IWU Civic Orchestra. His ensembles have appeared in such venues as the College Band Directors' National Association Conference, the Illinois Music Educators' Association Conference, and CBS's *Sunday Morning* with Charles Kuralt. Eggleston earned his bachelor's of music education from Butler University in 1974, and, in 1976, he earned a master's in music from the University of Michigan where he studied under H. Robert Reynolds.

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