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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will host a faculty recital featuring the percussion works of Amanda Legner on Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

Legner, director of percussion studies, will perform on marimba for this recital, which she says is her favorite percussion instrument. She will also perform a piece that she composed, along with one that she transcribed: an aria entitled, "Didos Lament" from the baroque opera, Dido and Anaes.

According to Legner, her recital preparation process takes a full three or four months to learn enough music, take the music to its peak performance level, and to mentally prepare to play everything in performance order. She records herself when she has reached performance level on a piece, and encourages her students to do the same.

Legner started singing and drumming at a young age; however, she had no formal training until fifth grade, when she studied drums. In 1999, she earned a bachelor of science in music business from Millikin University, where she currently teaches, and earned her masters in music in percussion performance from The Boston Conservatory in 2001.

Legner has performed with the Millikin University orchestra, wind and percussion ensembles, the Boston Conservatory orchestra and wind ensemble, the Berklee School of Music percussion ensemble and marimba ensemble, the New England Philharmonic, the Boston Civic Orchestra, the Newton Orchestra, and the Illinois Symphony. She has also performed at many solo percussion recitals and has given clinics at junior high and high schools and for band directors at various Illinois Music Educators Association functions.

"Watching someone play percussion is a visually beautiful as well as aural experience. My percussion instructor at the conservatory always said 'percussion is like dancing,' and this is especially true of marimba playing," said Legner.

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