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## Fall Choral Concert

October 22, 2007

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will present the annual Fall Choral concert on Sunday, October 28 at 3 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church (313 N. East St., Bloomington).

The concert is free and open to the public.

Adjunct Instructor Michael Fitch will make his debut conducting the University choir, while Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities J. Scott Ferguson will conduct the Chamber Singers and the Collegiate Choir in the concert's first performance within the new sanctuary at the Second Presbyterian Church.

The featured work of the program is "Raua Needmine" ("Curse Upon Iron") by Estonian composer Veljo Tormis. The son of an amateur violinist and conductor, Tormis was formally educated in music first at the Tallinn Conservatory, and later at the Moscow Conservatory. His works are inspired by Estonian, Hungarian and Balto-Finnic folk music traditions that were suppressed or replaced within the Soviet Union in the name of unification and Russification. The featured piece draws upon Baltic shamanistic traditions.

The concert will also include choral works from the Renaissance to the contemporary era by a variety of European and American composers in several languages, including Latin, French, Slovak and Estonian. In addition to works by West European composers like Fauré, Finzi, Handel and Hassler, choral compositions by East European composers Gretchaninoff, Kodály and Hrusovsky will be performed.

For additional information, please contact the School of Music at (309) 556-3061.

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