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**IWU Camerata, Chamber Singers****Viva Vivaldi Concert Set for Oct. 13**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Viva Vivaldi--a concert showcasing an instrumental ensemble, Chamber music singers, and dramatic readings of sonnets--will take center stage at Illinois Wesleyan University on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The 3 p.m. concert--which features IWU President Minor Myers, jr., performing on the harpsichord--will be held in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave. Admission is free to the concert, which is part of IWU's Homecoming '96 festivities.

Two works by the Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi will highlight the concert program:

- Magnificat Ossecensis, an eight-movement, mass-like work, features the IWU Camerata, a 20-member Chamber music ensemble, and the IWU Chamber Singers, a 20-member choir. Several movements feature instrumental or vocal solos by IWU students. Scott Ferguson, IWU associate professor of music and director of choral activities, will conduct the piece.

- The Four Seasons Concertos--four works depicting spring, summer, autumn, and winter--will be conducted by Vadim Mazo, IWU associate professor of music and Camerata director. Each concerto features a student soloist. At the beginning of each concerto, Vivaldi affixed a sonnet, probably written by himself, which explains the music's character. These sonnets will be narrated by Robert Bray, IWU's R. Forest Colwell Professor of English.

"This concert is unique," Mazo said, "because it links the fine arts with the liberal arts. There also is broad collaboration in the fine arts with instrumental performers working with singers.

"We also wanted pieces on the program," Mazo added, "that gave students the opportunity to perform as soloists."

Vivaldi (1675-1743) wrote more than 40 operas and oratorios, 23 symphonies, 73 sonatas, and at least 447 concertos.

The concert is part of IWU's Musical Portraits series, where a specific musical style or composer is featured.