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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Jazz Ensemble will perform a Halloween concert on October 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium at Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St.) as part of the School of Music's New Music Series.

This event is free and open to the public. During the program, there will be a Halloween costume contest with prizes awarded in several categories. Audience members are encouraged to participate in the contest.

The program will include "When the Lights Are Low," arranged by Ted Hogarth, "Latin Injection" by Denis DiBlasio, "Backrow Politics" by Gordon Goodwin, "Sweet Georgia Brown," arranged by Sammy Nestico, among several other compositions. "Latin Injection" and "Backrow Politics" will feature graduating senior Gary Weisenberger on trumpet.

The Jazz Ensemble has performed at locations throughout the United States as well as Italy, Scotland, Japan, and the Bahamas since its inception in 1971. Past guest soloists have included Buddy Baker, Frank Mantooh, Jo Pass, and Ed Shaughnessy. The Ensemble's repertoire covers a wide variety of big band styles, with an emphasis on jazz classics. Under the direction of Professor of Music Thomas Streeter, the Jazz Ensemble recently recorded another CD, titled *Smack Dab in the Middle*.

Streeter, director and creator of the jazz program at Illinois Wesleyan, is an experienced bass trombonist. He has toured with jazz performers such as Henry Mancini and Johnny Mathis, and spent four years with the United States Air Force "Airmen of Note."

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