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School of Theatre Arts to Present Tartuffe

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present *Tartuffe*, a play by renowned 17th century French playwright Molière, with translation by Richard Wilbur. Performances will take place at McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington) at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 to Saturday, Feb. 18, with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Tickets will be available for purchase Monday, Feb. 6. General admission ticket prices range from \$10 for performances Tuesday through Thursday, and the matinee on Sunday, to \$12 for performances Friday and Saturday. Senior citizens receive a \$1 discount off the general admission price and students may purchase tickets for \$2 with a valid Illinois Wesleyan ID.

First staged in Versailles in 1664 and composed of almost 2,000 rhyming couplets, the play follows the story of a man, Orgon, and his mother who take in the apparently pious Tartuffe. Orgon's family, however, is not convinced by Tartuffe's feigned righteousness. Determined to reveal Tartuffe for the fraud that he is, a plan is set to entrap him by exposing his lust for Orgon's wife Elmire.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232 or visit the School of Theatre Art's website at www.iwu.edu/~theatre.

Cast: Allie Torres(Mme. Pernelle), Josh Conrad (Orgon), Kate Fitzgerald (Elmire), Blake Brauer (Damis), Rosalie Alspach (Mariane), Zach Wagner (Valère), Ian Coulter-Buford (Cléante), Chase Miller (Tartuffe), Amy Stockhaus (Dorine), Elliot Plowman (M. Loyal/Laurant), Josh Levinson (Police Officer), Casey Cudmore (Flipote),

Production Team: Nancy Loitz (Director), Curt Trout (Scenic Designer), Marcia K. McDonald (Costume Designer), Krystal Martinez (Lighting Designer), Kamaya Thompson (Sound Designer), Jim Matthews (Dramaturg), Raven Stubbs (Stage Manager), Adrienne Fisk (Asst. Director)

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