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### **School of Music Presents Junior Recital**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will present a Junior Recital on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). Following the recital, there will be a reception in the Smith Reception Room in Presser Hall.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature baritone, James Schiffer, and soprano, Ashleen Davey, both juniors at IWU.

"This recital is essentially the pinnacle of all of my applied voice work over the past two years. I tried to pick a good mix of songs with varied styles in Italian, German, French and English," said Schiffer, a music education major.

A member of the Collegiate Choir and the First Christian Church Choir, Schiffer will sing a number of solos including, "O del mio amato ben" by Stefano Donaudy, "Lungi dal caro bene" by Giuseppe Sarti, "Le Secret" by Gabriel Fauré, "Ouvre tes yeux bleus" by Jules Massenet and Franz Schubert's "Die Forelle" and "Was ist Sylvia?"

Davey, the student manager of the IWU School of Music Stage Crew and a cantor at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, will perform "Mattinata" by Ruggero Leoncavallo, "La Zingara" by Gaetano Donizetti, "Morgen!" by Richard Strauss, "Die Mainacht" by Johannes Brahms and Gabriel Fauré's "Automne" and "Après un rêve."

"This recital marks a huge achievement for me," said Davey, a vocal performance major. "It is celebrating and showcasing all the work I have put in for two years. It also shows the many joys that I have experienced at IWU. Each of the pieces has a different technique or aspect of singing that I wanted to work on and I love each of them for how they have challenged me as a singer."

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