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Media Advisory

| Event: | The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music presents the opera: Cosi Fan Tutte |
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| Date: | November 21 (Friday) |
| Time: | 7:30 p.m. |
| Location: | Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 1210 Park St., Bloomington |
| Admission: | Free, open to the public |
| Program: | The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music will perform the opera <i>Cosi Fan Tutte</i> , under the direction of Professor of Voice Linda Farquharson. |
| | Written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, his final comic opera, <i>Cosi Fan Tutte</i> is a comedic look at the twists and turns of romance. Involving elements of disguise to test the fidelity of two characters' lovers, the opera is delightfully ambiguous and is now recognized as one of the finest tragicomedies ever written. |
| | Approximately 20 students will perform on stage and over 40 members of the Illinois Wesleyan University Civic Orchestra will play Mozart's music. The opera will be sung in its original Italian form and the music department will present English subtitles on a projection screen above the stage. Since Mozart's operas are widely popular, <i>Cosi Fan Tutte</i> was chosen to provide musical students a rare opportunity to perform and learn Italian lyrics and do so accompanied by a large orchestra. |
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