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## School of Music to Present Faculty Recital

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music will present a faculty recital featuring Associate Professor of Cello and Chamber Music, Nina Gordon, and Associate Professor of Piano, Kent Cook, on Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

Gordon on the cello, and Cook on the piano will perform concert pieces by Bulgarian composers of the 20th century. The pieces to be performed will include *Sevdana* by Georij Zlatev-Cherkin, *Song and Dance* by Krasimir Kyurkchijski and *Romantic Poem* by Alexander Vladigerov.

Cook joined the piano faculty at Illinois Wesleyan in 1999 after earning a piano performance degree with honors under the guidance of Roger Keyes, and both a masters and doctorate in piano performance, from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Cook has performed throughout the United States and Europe, including Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, England, and Italy. In January of 2002, he released his first compact disc recording on the Novitas label. It is entitled *Nachtstücke* and is a recording of 12 Nocturnes by seven different composers including Chopin, Liszt, and Schumann.

Gordon is a principle cellist with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. She has also been the principle cellist of the Kansas City Symphony and the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra. Gordon's education includes the Moscow Conservatory in Russia, the University of Tel-Aviv in Israel, and the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where she received her doctorate in musical arts. She is the founder and music director of the annual IWU summer music programs which include the Illinois Wesleyan Chamber Music Festival and the IWU Cello Camp.

For more information on the faculty recital contact the IWU School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.