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## Illinois Wesleyan University

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## Media Advisory

**Event:** 

The band "off the blue," will perform.

Date:

May 24 (Friday)

Time:

8 p.m., following comedian Kevin Hart

Location:

The Hansen Student Center, 300 E. Beecher St.,

Bloomington

Admission:

Free, open to the public

**Background:** 

The band "off the blue," headed by IWU student Steve Smith, class of 2003, was officially formed two years ago by several musician friends, who had previously played together in a variety of musical groups.

Drawing from their classical instruction and, in greater part, their modern musical influences, the band has been able to create a unique sound, yet said to be a recognizable sound. The group has been influenced by the music of U2, The Dave Matthews Band, Radiohead, Coldplay, and Travis. Their music has been characterized as "a great blend of British rock with an American twist."

Recently, the band released their debut studio album "Inside Four," and they have played a variety of venues in their home area of the Quad cities, Illinois and recently at the University of Cincinnati.

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