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Event: Actors Talk: A Conversation with William Duell and Richard Jenkins

Date: August 24(Saturday)

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Location: McPherson Theatre, Illinois Wesleyan University
2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington, Illinois 61701

Background: As part of a weekend reunion of Illinois Wesleyan theatre alumni, Duell and Jenkins will discuss their profession in an informal session. Duell is a 1949 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan who has numerous Broadway and Off-Broadway credits, including a co-starring role with Nathan Lane in the 1996 production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Duell's motion picture credits include *the Hustler*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Ironweed*, *In & Out*, *The Out-of-Towners* (with Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn), and *Cradle Will Rock*. Jenkins graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1969. He has appeared in more than 60 movies and has made numerous appearance on television. Among his recent credits, Jenkins appears in HBO's award-winning series, "Six Feet Under." He has also been seen in *The Man Who Wasn't There*, *Changing Lanes*, *One Night at McCool's*, and *Me, Myself and Irene*.

The reunion activities for returning theatre alumni will also include tributes to two retiring faculty members of the School of Theatre Arts, John Ficca and Jared Brown, as well as a seminar entitled "Remembering Larry Shue" about the career of the playwright and actor who graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1969 and was killed in a plane crash in 1985.