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- Event:** *University Chapel Hour and Special Events:* presents Celebrating with Jazz: Sunny Wilkinson, vocalist and visiting instructor of jazz voice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.; and Ron Newman, professor of music and jazz studies, Michigan State University
- Date:** Oct. 23 (Wednesday)
- Time:** 11:00 a.m.
- Location:** Evelyn Chapel, Illinois Wesleyan University
1301 N. Park St., Bloomington
- Admission:** Free and open to the public
- Background:** Ronald Newman is professor of music and jazz studies at Michigan State University. Active in both jazz and classical fields as a performer and composer, Newman has received composition commissions from a variety of sources, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and The New York Concert Artist's Guild. Newman is currently writing a book on programmed jazz theory.
- Sunny Wilkinson, who teaches jazz voice at Western Michigan University and Michigan State University, is said to be one of the most inventive and flexible singers of her generation. Her CD's include *Sunny Wilkinson "High Wire,"* released in 1999 on Chartmaker Records; *Sunny Wilkinson,* released in 1993 on Positive Music Records; and *Algeria,* released in 1990 on Hibrite records of Japan. Her single "Where Have the Actors Gone" appears in the *Lauridson: Northwest Journey* CD, released in 2000 on RCM. Wilkinson currently runs clinics and performs at university and school jazz festivals as well as jazz clubs across the country.
- Contact:** For additional information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Chaplain's office at 309/556-3005.