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Event: Illinois Wesleyan University's McPherson Theatre presents:

Big Love, a play by Charles Mee

Date: Nov. 19-24 (Tuesday-Sunday)

Time: 8:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 2:00 p.m., Sunday

Location: McPherson Theatre, Illinois Wesleyan University,

2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington

Admission: Individual tickets for Tuesday through Thursday performances are \$6 for adults

> and \$5 for senior citizens, and \$8 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$1 for students with an IWU or ISU ID. They may be reserved a week in advance by calling the McPherson Theatre box office at

309/556-3232 and may also be purchased at the door.

Background: Big Love, a tragicomedy, is the story of 50 sisters who have been pledged in

marriage by their father to 50 of their cousins. The sisters flee on their wedding

day and seek refuge in the home of a complete stranger.

The New York Times said, "Playwright Charles L. Mee turns Greek drama on its

ear as he boldly re-imagines Aeschylus' The Suppliant Maidens (one of the

oldest extant Greek dramas) to create Big Love, a

work filled with surprise, astonishment and adventure."

Big Love was part of the 1999-2000 Humana Festival in Louisville, Ky., and has

played at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago and off-Broadway.

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