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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The winners of Illinois Wesleyan University's annual Henry Charles Memorial Concerto/Aria Competition will be featured soloists in a concert given by the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra on Friday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is named in memory of the late Henry Charles, a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia national music fraternity. The Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, whose IWU chapter was founded in 1924, has been a contributing sponsor of concerto-aria since 1979.

Tickets for the concert, which will take place in the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (110 E. Mulberry St., Bloomington), cost \$10 for the general public, with discounts available for senior citizens, students with a valid ID and IWU alumni.

Conducted by Professor Steven Eggleston, the Orchestra will perform C. Saint Saens' *Dance Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah* and Maurice Ravel's *Bolero*. The Orchestra will also perform *Salce, Salce (Willow Song) from Otello* by Giuseppe Verdi; *Violoncello Concerto in A minor, Op. 129* by Robert Schumann; *Down a Country Lane* by Aaron Copland and *Tanzlied des Pierrot* by Erich Wolfgang Korngold; and *Concerto No. 5 in A minor Op. 37* by Henri Viextemps. The pieces will feature the following soloists, respectively:

- Brittany Schmutzler, Class of 2010, a music education major from Aurora, Ill. (vocal performance).
- Lindsay Perala-Dewey, Class of 2009, a cello performance major from Duluth, Minn.
- James Hornor, Class of 2009, a vocal performance major from Downers Grove, Ill.
- Janet Lyu, Class of 2011, a violin performance major from Vernon Hills, Ill.

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