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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University women's a cappella group A Touch of Class will have its final public performance of the semester at A Touch of Class Spring Concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park Street, Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

A Touch of Class began several years ago at Illinois Wesleyan, but has come into its own in the last two or three years, said faculty advisor Associate Professor of Voice Carren Moham. A growing fan base has led to packed houses for the group. In February, a crowd filled Evelyn Chapel to send A Touch of Class off to compete in the prestigious International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella in St. Louis, Mo.

"The great thing about this group is the variety of songs we sing," said Jordan Pettis, a first-year international studies and violin performance double major from Denver, Colo. "We sing songs people recognize, know from the radio or growing up, and it touches them."

The songs in A Touch of Class' repertoire can range from a 1950s tune like Bobby Day's "Rockin' Robin" to a contemporary songs like Anna Nalick's "Breathe, 2 a.m.," all reworked for a cappella. The women believe it is important to tailor a variety of songs for their audiences. "We could be performing for the senior dinner on campus one week, and a group of retired ministers the next," said senior Laura Murray, an art major from Bloomington. "It works best if we can offer a variety of genres and styles to include everyone."

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