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***Iolanthe* performed at Illinois Wesleyan March 5-6**

Bloomington, Ill.--Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will present the operetta "Iolanthe," March 5-6 in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave. The production, which begins at 7:30 each night, is free of charge and open to the public.

The operetta, written by Gilbert and Sullivan, tells of a struggle that occurs between the English House of Lords and a group of mystical fairies. Iolanthe, the main character, is banished as a result of her marriage to the Lord Chancellor. Her unbanishment is the focus of the play, which ends in the declaration that all fairies must marry a member of the House of Parliament.

Dr. Linda Farquharson, IWU associate professor of opera, will direct the 28 student performers in the play. Senior music majors Mike Cavalieri (Oak Forest, Ill.), Rebekah Askeland (Bolingbrook, Ill.), Derek Dahlke (Spokane, Wa.), and Sandra Schweitzer (Wheaton, Ill.) will be playing lead rolls.

The comical production is suitable for individuals of all ages.
