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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Illinois Wesleyan University duo-pianists Susan Brandon and R. Dwight Drexler will present a faculty recital at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall.

The program, which will feature original works for one piano, four hands, will be open free to the public.

Included in the program will be "Eight Czech Duets," written by Karel Husa, who was the guest composer for Wesleyan's annual Symposium of Contemporary Music last spring. Brandon and Drexler performed the duets for Husa. The works consist of unusual rhythmic patterns with melodies derived from Czech folklore.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the death of Mozart, they will play "Sonata in C Major, K. 521," his last sonata for piano duet, and Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Schumann, Op. 23." The latter is considered one of the great masterpieces of four hand literature.

Brandon and Drexler have been performing as duo-pianists since 1988 and last summer presented a concert in Vienna, Austria, where she has been studying since 1985 with Hans Graf. Brandon is an associate professor at Wesleyan and Drexler, who taught at Wesleyan for 45 years, is a professor emeritus.