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CONTACT: Carol Brockman, (309)556-3182**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--For the 16th consecutive year, Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will be sponsoring its annual "Weekend for Pianists" Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 - 21.

Out a flood of applications, 15 to 20 high school pianists--juniors and seniors--will be invited to share in the special weekend. During the two-day event, the pianists will participate in recitals, private lessons, a forum on collegiate music study and music careers, as well as interact with IWU students and tour the IWU campus. Overnight accommodations for the students will be provided courtesy of the Delta Omicron and Sigma Alpha Iota sororities and the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity.

The public is invited to attend the three recitals scheduled for the "Weekend for Pianists".

The first recital, to be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, will feature IWU piano faculty including Lawrence Campbell, Mark Hansen, Susan Brandon, and Dwight Drexler.

Campbell, chair of the IWU piano department, will perform works by Liszt. Campbell holds degrees from Northwestern University and Indiana University, where he was awarded a doctor of music degree in performance "with highest distinction". Campbell has also performed extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.

Hansen, an assistant professor of piano at IWU, will perform works by Granados. Hansen holds degrees from the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and the University of North Texas. Hansen has also performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad.

Brandon, an associate professor of piano at IWU, will perform with Drexler piano duets by Brahms. Brandon holds degrees from Bowling Green State University and the University of Iowa. She has studied with Hans Graf, a professor of piano at the Vienna Academy of Music, in Vienna, Austria.

Drexler is a professor of piano and theory emeritus at IWU. A graduate of IWU, Drexler has been a member of the IWU piano faculty, become chairman of the piano department, and on two occasions served as interim

director of the School of Music. He has also earned degrees at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and the University of the Pacific. In 1961, Drexler was named the Illinois Wesleyan Century Club Honoree for outstanding teaching as well as for his many contributions to the university.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, the visiting students will be featured in a recital, while at 1 p.m. a performance will feature IWU student pianists.

All three recital will take place in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall. Admission is free.