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*Taking the Show on the Road, May 12-22*

## **IWU Ensemble to Bring Jazz to Japan**

**Editor's Note:** *Indiana University alumnus Tom Streeter directs IWU's Jazz Ensemble, which has just recorded a CD of 1940s swing music. Streeter received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Indiana University in 1965 and 1967, respectively.*

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—The jazz sound of the great Duke Ellington will be heard in Japan this month, when Illinois Wesleyan University's Jazz Ensemble travels to Bloomington-Normal's sister city, Asahikawa.

The 24-student troupe will be in Japan, May 12-22, to perform concerts, sightsee, and enjoy the culture of the northern island sister city, according to Tom Streeter, Jazz Ensemble director and professor of music.

The band will highlight the "Duke's" music to mark the centennial of the composer, orchestra conductor, and jazz musician's birth. Edward Kennedy Ellington (1899-1974)—born in Washington, D.C., the son of a White House butler—is known for hits like "Take the 'A' Train," "Mood Indigo," "Sophisticated Lady," "In a Sentimental Mood," and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."

The IWU student musicians will be hosted in the homes of Asahikawa residents.

The Jazz Ensemble will spend two days in Tokyo before returning home.

A pre-tour concert will be performed in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave. Friday, May 7 at 8 p.m. The concert is open to the public, free-of-charge.

The Jazz Ensemble recently released its first CD recording, "It's Swinging at IWU," featuring 14 1940s-era swing tunes, including hits made famous by big-band leaders like Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Les Brown, Stan Kenton, Bob Crosby, and Ellington. The CD, which runs about 45 minutes, costs \$10.99, plus \$4.50 shipping and handling. It's available

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after May 1 through the IWU Bookstore, 1207 1/2 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61702-2900, or telephone: 309/556-3059.

IWU's Jazz Ensemble has toured extensively, racking up performances in Phoenix, Nashville, Disneyland, Disney World, aboard cruise ships, and in Nassau and the Bahamas. The band has been featured at numerous jazz festivals, at Illinois Music Educators Association conferences, and has produced recordings. Among guest artists who have performed with the band are Jamey Aebersold, Denis DiBlasio, Jo Pass, Ed Shaughnessy, Bobby Shew, and Chris Vadala.

Streeter joined the IWU faculty in 1971 after four years as bass trombonist with the famed U.S. Air Force's "Airmen of Note." He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Indiana University and earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Since joining the IWU faculty, Streeter has directed the jazz curriculum and performed in concerts with college and high school jazz bands nationwide. He also has been a featured trombone soloist at the International Trombone Workshop and has held national office in the International Trombone Association (ITA). He is the Mid-West Region Coordinator for the International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE).

In addition to performing and teaching, Streeter has been coordinator of the Birch Creek Music Center jazz camp in Door County, Wis. He is working on computer-generated music and multi-media educational technology, as well as serving as the Instrumental Area Coordinator in IWU's School of Music.

Streeter's computer interests have led him to create and maintain the IWU School of Music World Wide Web pages.

Streeter, a nationally recognized jazz educator, continues an active schedule of clinics and adjudication.

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IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium.

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**Editor's Note:** *For more information about IWU's jazz and other programs offered by the School of Music, visit <http://www.iwu.edu/~music> on the World Wide Web.*