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Contact: Bob Aaron, 309/556-3181*locals.
Cent. Il.***Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra to Perform, Nov. 18**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Violinist Anke Schittenhelm of Germany's Hof Symphony Orchestra will be the featured soloist on Nov. 18, when the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra performs its second concert of the 1994-95 season.

Schittenhelm was a visiting assistant professor at IWU last spring, teaching violin and viola, working with the Camerata string ensemble, and performing with the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra.

The concert is Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Braden Auditorium, Illinois State University. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$7 adults, \$5 senior citizens, and \$3 students.

A reception will be held after the concert at Mashie Niblicks, Ironwood Golf Course, 1901 N. Towanda Ave., Normal.

The concert program includes:

- Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," by W.A. Mozart.
- Violin Concerto in E. Minor, Op. 64 by Felix Mendelssohn.

Schittenhelm will perform this piece.

- Symphony No. 1 in D Major by Gustav Mahler.

Schittenhelm was named principal violin in the Hof Symphony Orchestra in 1991, making her Germany's youngest concertmaster. She has appeared with the Aspen Festival Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra of Cincinnati, and the Barner Symphony Orchestra. Schittenhelm has made several recordings, including: Beethoven's "Violin Romance," Brahms' "Sonata in C-minor," Ravel's "String Quartet," Brahms' "Clarinet Quintet," and Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time."

She has participated in the Hochschulewettbewerb Conservatory competition and the International Starling competition and has studied with several noted teachers, including Dorothy Delay of the College-Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati (1988).

Schittenhelm earned a master's of music degree with honors in 1988

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and in 1990 received an artist diploma with special honors.

The Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra's 10th season got underway Sept. 23, with former British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath as guest conductor. The orchestra is made up of IWU students and volunteer players from the Bloomington-Normal community. Steven W. Eggleston, professor of conducting and trumpet, founded the orchestra in 1984. After two years as its music director, he stepped down and the orchestra was directed for a season by Kory Katseanas. Vadim Mazo, associate professor of music, led the orchestra for five years. Eggleston returned as music director in 1992.

Under Eggleston's direction, the orchestra has appeared on the CBS television program "Sunday Morning" with Charles Kuralt.

Eggleston, who also is music director of IWU's Wind Ensemble and the Central Illinois Youth Symphony in Peoria, is a frequent guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States. The Wind Ensemble has appeared at the College Band Directors National Association Convention, the Illinois Music Educators Association Convention, and in many concert halls throughout the Midwest.

Eggleston is a trumpet performer whose teachers have included Frank Kaderabek (Philadelphia Orchestra), Clifford Lillya (University of Michigan), and Delbert Dale (Tokyo and Indianapolis symphonies). He received a bachelor of music degree in instrumental music education from Butler University and a master of music degree in conducting from the University of Michigan, where he studied with H. Robert Reynolds.

The Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra has two concerts remaining on its 1994-95 schedule: Feb. 24, 1995, and April 28, 1995, at Eastview Christian Church, 1705 Towanda, Bloomington. The conductor for those concerts will be Dan Hage, music director of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. He will stand in for Eggleston who will be on a sabbatical this coming spring.