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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --Rachel Price of New Lenox, Ill., was among the cast in a play written and performed as part of a senior honors project at Illinois Wesleyan University.

During the weekend of April 1, Illinois Wesleyan theatre arts major Alison Daigle presented the final product of her senior honors project, *Arabian Nights: The Framing of Sherazade* on the stage of the Phoenix Theatre in Memorial Center. Rather than write a paper, which is the most common approach students take for this project, Daigle collaborated with Sara Freeman, assistant professor of theatre history, and chose to write and direct a play.

During the research process, Daigle decided to focus on *1001 Arabian Nights* and began a year of study and a semester of intense rehearsals with seven student actresses, including Price.

Daigle and the cast used a series of free-write activities and improvisational exercises to adapt the tales into a play. The performance focused on the subservient role of women in the Middle East and Northern Africa and the lost joy of storytelling.

Price, a graduate of Lane Technical High School, is a theatre arts major at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Daigle, of Westmont, Ill., is a graduate of Hinsdale Township High School Central. The cast of *Arabian Nights: The Framing of Sherazade* also included:

--Sally Bell of St. Louis, Mo., a senior theatre arts and English -- literature major, graduate of Parkway North High School;

--Ann DiMaria of Morton Grove, Ill., a junior theatre arts major, graduate of Niles Township West High School;

--Katie Genualdi of Park Ridge, Ill., a senior theatre arts major, graduate of Maine Township South High School;

--Lisa Karlin of Overland Park, Kan., a senior music theatre major, graduate of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School;

--Elizabeth Olson of Red Wing, Minn., a senior theatre arts major, graduate of Red Wing High School; and

--Elizabeth Williams of New York City, a junior music theatre major, graduate of Trinity School.