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IWU to Host Annual International Carnivale

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Illinois Wesleyan University will host its annual International Carnivale on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington.

In celebration of international cultures, the theme of this year's International Carnivale is "United Colors of Illinois Wesleyan." Currently, IWU has 36 international students from 18 countries.

Open to the public, tickets are free for the show and \$4 for the dinner. Tickets will be available starting Feb. 8, at the Main Desk and at the bottom of the Marriott Food Service stairs—both in the Memorial Student Center. Attendees need to get tickets for the show even if they are not going to stay for dinner. Due to space limitations, there will be a restriction on the number of tickets sold for dinner.

Carly Andersen, a senior nursing major at IWU said "the theme is a play off of the advertisement for the United Colors of Benetton. What we are trying to do is get people more aware of the ethnic diversity on campus and maybe take a look at their own ethnic diversity."

Other organizers of this year's event are junior accounting and psychology major Rashmi Ramchandani and senior biology major Heidi Richardson.

Pre-week festivities, which are being organized by the residents of IWU's Kemp Hall International House, a living/learning residence with an international focus, will begin Monday, Feb. 15, and will end with the Carnivale on Sunday. "We are going to have an activity every night," said Andersen. On Monday, Feb. 15 there will be hand painting and juggling, on Tuesday Feb.16, a celebration of the Chinese New Year, on Wednesday Feb. 17, global games (games from various cultures), and on Thursday, Feb. 18, an international movie.

The main program, a variety show of song and dance, will have among its acts Kwon Do, performed by senior art major Christopher Grodoski. Other acts include Spanish, Tae h singing by Cecilia Sanchez, adjunct instructor in Spanish, a German dance performed by senior international business and German major Rebecca Webb, Indian dances--one of which will be performed by sophomore computer science major Sylvie Khajuria, and a sitar performance by junior international studies major Briana Noble. There will also be African and Russian skits or dances and a fashion show.

"I think," said Andersen, "this is an excellent opportunity for students to take advantage of this type of activity. This is what a liberal arts education is all about. The university has a lot to offer and this is just one of many programs we have had on campus. These programs are very important because they open you up to looking at different types of art, ways of thinking and interpreting the world—a very critical component of a liberal arts education."