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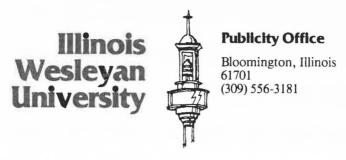
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Oct. 17, 1983

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Robert Luke, director of the Illinois Wesleyan University Symphony Orchestra and associate professor of cello, will return to Davenport, Ia. Saturday, Oct. 22, to be guest conductor of the third annual Junior High School String Festival. He was also guest conductor last year.

The festival concert will be at 7 p.m. at Williams Junior High School. More than 100 musicians from all of the city's school string orchestras will participate.

Sponsored by the Instrumental Music Department of the Davenport Community School District, the festival will include a clinic, rehearsals and the concert.

Also, Luke will conduct cello master classes Friday afternoon at Davenport Central High School.

A former co-conductor and musical director of the Bloomington-Normal Symphony Orchestra, Luke is active as a concert cellist and viola da gambist. He has been cellist with the British Broadcasting Company Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. He has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

A member of the Wesleyan faculty since 1977, Luke is president of the Illinois Council of Orchestras.