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## New Music Cafe

Nov. 14, 2013

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music will present a New Music Café concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

The New Music Café is part of the IWU School of Music's New Music Series. The concert is held every semester and features guest performers and composers.

Guest composers featured in the concert will include Timothy Kramer, professor and chair of the Music Department at Illinois College, and Yao Chen, assistant professor at Illinois State University.

Kramer, who received a doctorate degree of musical arts in composition from the University of Michigan, will have two pieces presented: *Lake Effect*, performed by IWU students, and *Firmament Etudes*, performed by Lu Witzig.

Chen received training in composition and music theory at the Xinghai Conservatory of Music in Guangzhou and the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. After coming to the United States in 2001, he pursued studies in composition at the University of Chicago as well.

Chen's piece *Waking on a Tightrope* will be played as a solo on contrabass by guest performer Michael Cameron, professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Cameron earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree, as well as a performer's certificate from Indiana University.

The concert will also feature Adriana La Rosa Ransom, associate professor at Illinois State University, playing cello. La Rosa Ransom received a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Missouri and a master's degree and a doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota.

La Rosa Ransom will close the concert with the Benjamin Britten Centennial *Cello and piano Sonata in C Major* on cello, accompanied by Joy Doran, adjunct faculty member, on piano.

For additional information about the concert, contact the School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.

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