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M-pact to Bring its Signature Vocal-Only Pop-Jazz Sound to Doudna

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M-pact, which uses only human voices to create its trailblazing signature pop-jazz sound, will perform at Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

The Los Angeles-based sextet has been hailed as "one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world" by the San Francisco Chronicle, and their performance has been described as "a vocal wall of sound" by National Public Radio.

The group describes its sound as a combination of "the smooth soul of Stevie Wonder; the percussive power of Stomp; the funk and drive of Earth, Wind, & Fire; the hip licks of Take 6; and the brass bite of the Harry Connick Jr. Big Band."



Touring renowned fine arts halls and jazz festivals across four continents, m-pact has performed with many pop superstars, including Sheryl Crow, Boyz II Men, Kenny G, Liza Minnelli, Babyface, Rick Springfield and Jackson Browne. M-pact has also performed with jazz legends Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Bobby McFerrin, Take 6, the New York Voices, the Woody Herman Orchestra and the Maynard Ferguson Big Band.

Accolades have included Vocal Group of the Year from the L.A. Music Awards, Artist of the Year from the Seattle Music Awards, and National Champion of the Harmony Sweepstakes competition.

Each of m-pact's five studio recordings has also received rave reviews and multiple awards. In addition, their music has been used in TV themes and animated Disney feature films.

The 7 p.m. concert will be held in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Theatre on the EIU campus.

Tickets -- \$10 for the general public, \$7 for EIU employees and senior citizens, and \$5 for students -- may be purchased in person at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office, by telephone at 217-581-3110, or online at <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center is a division of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities.