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Girlyman to Perform Eclectic Blend of Acoustic Americana, Rock at EIU

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Atlanta-based trio Girlyman will bring its quirky blend of acoustic Americana and rock to Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center on Feb. 10.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. General admission is \$5. Seating is limited; advance tickets are highly recommended.

Girlyman's style is influenced in part by '60s vocal groups like Simon and Garfunkel and The Mamas and the Papas, as well as years of classical and jazz training. Onstage, they often finish one another's sentences or burst into improvised three-part ditties so tight they seem rehearsed.

Girlyman's distinctive three-part harmony -- called "really good, really unexpected, and really different" by The Village Voice -- began when Doris Muramatsu and Tylan Greenstein, best friends since second grade, met Nate Borofsky in college at a talent show.

In 2001, the friends, who shared an apartment in Brooklyn, scheduled their first rehearsal for Sept. 11. It was postponed, but the events of that day helped the trio clarify its vision. "We decided to just have fun and not take ourselves too seriously," Borofsky said. "We started by naming our new band 'Girlyman.'"

In its first few years, Girlyman garnered critical praise, awards and long opening runs with the Indigo Girls and Dar Williams.

Girlyman, now selling out renowned venues as a headliner, also frequents festival main stages, including the Ann Arbor Folk Festival, the Kate Wolf Memorial Folk Festival and the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival.

Girlyman has released four studio albums, with the fourth, "Everything's Easy," being recorded with a single, \$10,000 microphone that was financed by fan donations.

Most recently, Girlyman has been collaborating with comedian Margaret Cho, co-writing songs for her upcoming album.

For tickets and information, or to arrange accommodations for persons with special needs, contact Doudna Fine Arts Patron Services (217-581-3110 or doudnatix@eiu.edu) or visit the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center, a division of EIU's College of Arts and Humanities, is located one block west of Ninth Street at Garfield Avenue in Charleston. For more information, please see <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.



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