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For Immediate Release:

## COMEDIAN DAVE CHAPPELLE TO PERFORM AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CHARLESTON – Dave Chappelle, host and writer of the critically acclaimed “Chappelle Show,” will make a stop at Eastern Illinois University’s Lantz Arena on April 25 as part of his “Blackzilla Tour.”

The show will begin at 8 p.m., with doors opening one hour earlier. Tickets are \$12 for EIU students with Panther Card ID and \$20 for the general public. There will be reserved seating on the floor and in the balcony.

Tickets go on sale to EIU students (with ID) during special University Union Ticket Office hours from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and to the general public on Wednesday, April 2. Regular office hours for the ticket office, located on the second floor of the west section of the University Union, are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Persons also may order tickets via phone at (217) 581-5122. Acceptable methods of payment are cash, check and Visa/Mastercard.

This event is sponsored by University Board Concerts, a student-programming board responsible for major entertainment events at EIU.

David Chappelle (<http://www.imdb.com/Name?Chappelle,+David>) answered the call of comedy at a very early age; he began his career in his native Washington, D.C., at the age of 14. Chappelle's mother, an ordained Unitarian minister, often accompanied him to his gigs due to his young age.

Now 28, he no longer needs a chaperone. And today, Chappelle's gift of laughter extends well beyond the stand-up circuit.

His feature film roles are extensive. After making his feature film debut in Mel Brooks' "Robin Hood: Men In Tights," he had the fortune of starring in two consecutive \$100 million dollars-plus grossing pictures. In 1996's "The Nutty Professor," Chappelle played the obnoxious “Def Jam”-style comedian Reggie Warrington, who taunted the portly Professor Klump (Eddie Murphy). Subsequently, he appeared in the smash hit, "Con Air," as Pinball Parker, a rioting convict who meets his death after being ejected from an airplane.

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Chappelle's first major starring role was in "Half Baked," which he also co-wrote. The film is now viewed as a cult hit and considered a must-own on DVD for college kids. He played janitor Thurgood Jenkins, a creative bud who does what it takes to help a friend in need. He also delivered laughs as co-worker and confidante to Tom Hanks in "You've Got Mail," and, in 1999, the film "Blue Streak" teamed Chappelle with fellow comic and D.C. native Martin Lawrence. In the movie, Chappelle plays chain-smoking Tulley, a jewel heist get-a-way driver with extremely bad nerves.

Chappelle was most recently seen in the Universal Pictures feature, "Undercover Brother," opposite Eddie Griffin and Denise Richards. Based on the animated Web series, the film follows a man who secretly works for an all-black brotherhood and its never-ending battle against the white establishment. Chappelle portrays "Conspiracy Brother," an intense secret agent, who finds conspiracies in the most outlandish things.

Never forsaking his love for stand-up, Chappelle starred in his own HBO one-hour stand-up comedy special, which aired in August 2000. He has appeared on more than 40 national programs, including numerous appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Politically Incorrect."

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