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For Immediate Release:

EIU MUSIC FANS COUNTING DOWN DAYS TO COUNTING CROWS CONCERT

CHARLESTON – The multi-platinum recording group, Counting Crows, will make an April 18 stop on its spring tour at Lantz Arena, located on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The show will begin at 8 p.m., with doors opening one hour earlier. Tickets are \$18 for EIU students with Panther Card ID and \$24 for the general public. There will be general admission seating on the floor and reserved seating 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 22, and to the general public on Monday, March 31. 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 being sponsored by University Board Concerts, a student-programming board responsible for major entertainment events at EIU.

Counting Crows (<http://countingcrows.com/>), a San Francisco-based adult rock band, grew out of the acoustic duo, Sordid Humor, formed in 1989 by Adam Duritz and David Bryson. Mat Malley, Steve Bowman and Charles Gillingham fleshed out the line-up of the newly christened Counting Crows, a name lifted from an old English nursery rhyme.

Early reports suggested the influence of the singer-songwriter tradition, notably Van Morrison. Other comparisons were made with the Band. In interviews, Duritz was keen to point out that they were more than a retro outfit, although he applauded the organic approach to musicianship that lay behind the Band and their ilk. This was reflected on their well-received Geffen Records debut, "August and Everything After," produced by T-Bone Burnett, which mixed traditional R & B elements with a raw, rocky delivery.

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The MTV rotation of "Mr. Jones" undoubtedly augmented sales, as did critical reaction. By mid-1994, the band's remarkable debut had achieved multi-platinum status. Soon after, however, founding member Bowman departed to join Third Eye Blind. Ben Mize was brought in to replace him, and Dan Vickrey also was added to the line-up.

A second album, "Recovering The Satellites," debuted at number one on the Billboard album chart in 1996, although the band sounded strained in its attempt to recreate the impact of its debut. The stopgap live set, "Across A Wire: Live In New York," reached the U.S. Top 20 in July 1998.

"This Desert Life" was a return to form, with the loose swagger of tracks such as "Hanginaround" and "Mrs. Potter's Lullabye" attaining an effortless peak. "Hard Candy," a lighter album lyrically and generally brighter musically, was brought to life with snatches of 12-string Rickenbacker guitar and some uplifting middle eights and harmonies.

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