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EIU Dancers to Present Spring Concert on March 6 and 7

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[The Eastern Illinois University Dancers](#) will present their annual spring concert, "True Expression," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, on the stage in McAfee Gym.

Doors will open at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature traditional forms of ballet, modern, tap and jazz to varied musical artists such as Tony Bennett, Aerosmith, Kelly Clarkson, Celine Dion, Billy Joel, Michael Buble and The Pussycat Dolls. The event promises to be a foot-tapping, energetic production enjoyable for all ages. The public is invited to this admission-free event.

The Eastern Illinois University Dancers is a university-recognized organization sponsored by the kinesiology and sports studies department, and is under the direction of Jeanna McFarland. This year's group is made up of 14 university students with many different majors.

Auditions are held in September and rehearsals start immediately for a spring concert.

There has been an annual spring concert sponsored by the physical education department (now kinesiology and sports studies) since 1934; the current group is a continuation of that tradition. Originally the performances consisted of modern dance only. This group was founded in 1981 and has expanded to perform many various dance forms, including ballet, jazz and tap.

McFarland is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and furthered her dance studies in New York City at different studios, including those of Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, Finus Jung and Luigi. She came to Eastern in 1991 as a faculty member.