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EIU Wind Symphony to Present 'Art of the Wind Band' at Doudna

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Special guest conductors will join the Eastern Illinois University Wind Symphony for its "Art of the Wind Band" concert at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 1, in EIU's Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The concert, to be held in the Dvorak Concert Hall, will include selections from the EIU Wind Symphony, with guest conductors Timothy Reynish of the United Kingdom and Russel Mikkelson of The Ohio State University Wind Symphony.

The Wind Symphony is also planning an encore performance of Grammy Award winner Libby Larsen's "Introduction to the Moon," directed by Milton Allen, EIU's instrumental division director and director of bands at Eastern. When the symphony performed the song while Larsen was composer-in-residence with the EIU music department in February, she described the performance as "the finest realization of the piece I have ever heard, and probably ever will hear."

The EIU Concert Band and EIU Brass Ensemble will also perform under the direction of EIU's Barry L. Houser. The EIU Faculty Brass Quintet will be featured in Rick DeJonge's "Wayside Festival," which the Wind Symphony recently performed with visiting artists, the Boston Brass.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students; seating is open. 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 is a division of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities. For more information, please see <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.