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For Immediate Release:

EIU'S VILLAGE THEATRE TO HOST FAMILY WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE

CHARLESTON – The Village Theatre, home to Eastern Illinois University's Department of Theatre Arts for the next three years, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28, in conjunction with Family Weekend.

The building – the former home of Wilb Walkers East – is located at 960 18th St., a block north of Charleston High School and the Charleston Rural King.

John T. Oertling, chair of the department, said the open house will allow all EIU students and their parents the opportunity to see the studio theatre classrooms and the theatre (still under construction) that are being utilized while renovation/expansion work takes place at the university's Doudna Fine Arts Center.

In addition to the opportunity to tour the building, Oertling will have available artists' renderings of the way Doudna will look three years down the road. He also plans to be available on-site to answer any questions or concerns parents/students may have.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.