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CELEBRATION FEATURES SMORGASBORD OF THE ARTS

CHARLESTON, IL.--The College of Fine Arts at Eastern Illinois University is presenting its 12th annual "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts" on Friday-Sunday, April 29-30 and May 1, on the EIU campus.

Celebration '88 will feature a smorgasbord of the arts, including live music, ethnic food booths, a wide variety of arts and crafts demonstrations/booths and folk art.

Highlights include a program by the University of Illinois Russian Folk Orchestra featuring Russian folk music and classical selections adapted for folk orchestra, sculpture and juggling workshops, papermaking, children's stories and an International Fair, with slides, films and native crafts on display.

The EIU Jazz Ensemble, which was chosen to participate in the prestigious Collegiate Jazz Festival at Notre Dame, will perform in Dvorak Concert Hall Saturday evening.

The group will perform segments of the same program which will be presented with Mel Torme on May 1 at Sangamon State University.

Eastern's talented faculty and civil service employees will join forces to provide a variety show of lip syncing and live performances called "Puttin' on the Hits."

Celebration will also feature "Mr. Myers," a Caribbean rock band that uses steel drums, a saxophone and rock guitar to produce a unique blend of calypso, Caribbean rock and reggae.

"The Maypole dance will be the most visually exciting event," according to J. Sain, director of public relations for Celebration.

The Maypole dance (traditionally a Morris dance) marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring and is a celebration of all creation, with streamers symbolizing radiant sunshine.

Admission to the festival is free. The art booths open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, while the food booths will remain open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. all three days.

For more information, call 581-2917 or 581-2113 for a complete schedule of events.