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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CELEBRATION '95

CHARLESTON -- CELEBRATION: A Festival of the Arts '95 returns to Eastern Illinois University Friday, April 21-23.

For the first time in its 18-year history, a ribbon cutting ceremony will officially open the festivities. Eastern President David Jorns, Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill and Mattoon Mayor Wanda Ferguson will participate in the 11:45 a.m. opening ceremony which will take place at the corner of South Seventh and Hayes streets near the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"Since its inception, CELEBRATION has presented a variety of activities, cultural experiences and unique entertainment," said Dan Crews, chair of the CELEBRATION '95 committee. "Quality, not quantity has always been the primary mission of the festival. This year we have worked in cooperation with the festivities surrounding the Centennial celebration to make this year's festival even more memorable."

Food booths will open at noon on Friday and will serve throughout the weekend.

Other weekend activities include continuous music on the

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outdoor stage, special performances in the Dvorak Concert Hall, children's activities and theater, an international fair, a "Bizarre Bazaar" on Friday afternoon, and art booths on Saturday and Sunday.

CELEBRATION will be held rain or shine.