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For Immediate Release:

"WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MUSIC" TO VISIT EASTERN

CHARLESTON -- Attention 80's Music Lovers! A trip to the past awaits you!

Barry Drake, one of rock music's foremost historians, will celebrate, examine, clarify and put into perspective music from rock's fourth decade when he appears on the campus of Eastern Illinois University Saturday, Sept. 11. Admission to the event, set to begin at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union, is free for EIU students with PantherCard ID, \$2 for general admission.

Drake's show, which will feature hundreds of slides, videos and artist interviews, reflects his many years as both a music scholar and performer. He has often been called a "walking encyclopedia of music," having been totally involved in the world of music since buying his first rock 'n' roll record in 1954. He saw everyone from Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry at the Brooklyn Paramount in 1957, to Jimi Hendrix and Janis

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Joplin at the Fillmore in 1967. When San Francisco exploded with the Summer of Love, Drake was there, hanging out on the streets with The Grateful Dead and The Jefferson Airplane.

In 1965, Drake began performing and writing songs. He was signed to Capitol Records in 1970 and has since recorded three albums and extensively toured the United States and Europe.

In 1984, rock 'n' roll lectures were added to Drake's already busy schedule. And since then, his lectures on the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s have become popular shows on college campuses.

More information about Drake can be found at <www.barrydrake.com>.