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COMMUNITY TALENT JOINS EIU SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

CHARLESTON -- Several local dance companies will join forces with the EIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble in presenting a 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, concert production in Dvorak Concert Hall, located in Eastern's Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The two-act production will feature classic performances and comical productions.

The Jacqueline Bennett Dance Center, the EIU Dancers, a solo performance by Lynnette Hardimon, the EIU Flag Corps and a Therese Kincaid production will all be part of this unique concert presentation.

Act One will feature classic dance productions, including some from the *Rodea Suite*, *West Side Story* and "Solitary Dancer" by Warren Benson. Act Two will focus on comedy and dance, as the various production units perform to *The Midnight Fire Alarm*,

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Celebrations and Cartoon.

The EIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Joseph Manfredo, will perform from the Dvorak orchestra pit as it accompanies each of the various dance units. Other EIU faculty involved include Jeanna McFarland and Nancy Nordtvedt, co-directors of the EIU Dancers, who have choreographed and directed two of the productions.

Jackie Bennett and Therese Kincaid are two community members who have brought professional quality dance and theatre productions to the Charleston area for many years.

“We are fortunate to be working with so many talented directors and performers,” Manfredo said. “This unique blend of dance and live music, and working with the combination of community and university artists, has been a very exciting and rewarding experience. We hope that the community will support this performance and provide encouragement for other joint performances.”

General admission tickets will be available at the door or may be secured by contacting the EIU Department of Music at 581-3010. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students/senior citizens. Children under four will be admitted free of charge.