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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Celebration '86: A Festival of the Arts, highlighted by a benefit performance by nationally known entertainer Burl Ives, will take place at Eastern Illinois University Thursday through Sunday, April 24-27.

Ives will kickoff the annual festival with a concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 in McAfee Gym. Tickets are priced at \$9.50 and \$7.50, and are on sale 11-3 at the University Union Ticket Office (217-581-5122).

The proceeds from the concert will benefit the construction of a proposed 20-room art studio that is currently part of the Tenth Decade fund drive.

This is the 10th anniversary of the College of Fine Arts festival, which will be open from 11-8 Friday through Sunday. It is sponsored in part by Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, the Charleston Kiwanis Club and University Board.

Besides Ives, other special programs include:

- * A workshop and performance by a 21st Century Steel Band.
- * 'The Audience', a premiere multi-media art performance.
- * 'White Ashes', a one-woman dramatic theatre performance by former Charleston resident Mary Stark.
- * 'Treasure Island', a children's musical theatre production.
- * The Annual Concerto Program with the EIU Community Symphony Orchestra.
- * 'Concert 1986: The Easter Bunny That Overslept' by the Jacqueline Bennett Dance Center with guest artists and former students Terry Markwell and Barbara Kinney.

The celebration will also include the usual craft and food booths and library/union quad stage activities. The International Student Fair will take place in the University Union Station.