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CHARLESTON, IL.--Persons attending the Make Room for Art benefit concert by Burl Ives Thursday (April 24) will be supporting the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Tenth Decade Campaign project to construct a 20 studio art facility.

'An Evening with Burl Ives' will be presented at 8 p.m. in McAfee Gym. Tickets are priced at \$9.50 for reserved floor seats and \$7.50 for balcony seats. They are on sale from 11-3 in the University Union, and will be sold at the door on the night of the performance.

Tickets may also be charged to Visa or Mastercard by calling 581-5122. Checks made payable to EIU Foundation.

Ives concert, which kicksoff the University's three day Celebration: A Festival of the Arts, is sponsored by the EIU Foundation in cooperation with Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

Ives is donating all proceeds from the concert towards the construction of the art building.

The preliminary design for the 20-studio facility has been recommended to the University by the Make Room for Art Steering Committee composed of community and campus personnel.

Community representatives are Victor Connor of Olney, Tom Danneberger of Champaign, Nancy King Mertz of Arcola, Richard A.Lumpkin of Mattoon, Sue Preston of Charleston and Tamara Bogue Voris of Hinsdale.

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The facility will be a wood frame and block structure with an approximate cost of \$330,000. Proposed site of the studio is the southwest corner of Ninth and Johnson streets.

Architects for the preliminary design are Bradley, Likins, Dillow and Drayton of Decatur.

While the purpose of the facility is to provide studios for graduate students in art, the design includes an outdoor court and a display/critique area which can be used for presentations by visiting artists.

The building will have 20 studios (15 x 15) featuring air conditioning, natural and artificial light and 24 hour access for students/faculty.

Ives, an Eastern alumnus, is the national honorary chairman of the Tenth Decade Campaign, and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from EIU in 1985.

"I have fond and strong memories of Eastern," said Ives. "In these times of high demands for the tax dollar, it is important for all of us who feel as I do to help in every possible way."