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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONCERT TO FEATURE LATIN ACOUSTIC MUSIC

CHARLESTON --Irene Farrera, Venezuelan singer and songwriter, will perform Latin acoustic music at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The free, public concert will be held in the Rathskeller in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Farrera will draw on "joropo" and "gaita" rhythms of her native region, singing in Spanish, Portuguese and English. She will demonstrate vocals, acoustic nylon string guitar and Venezuelan cuatro.

Two of her recordings, "Walking in the Jungle" and "Alma Latina" (Latin Soul), feature original works and songs from some of Latin America's popular composers such as Silvio Rodriguez, Violeta Parra and Chabuka Granda.

Originally from Venezuela, Farrera has lived in Eugene, Ore., for almost 20 years. She is appearing at Eastern as part of Women's History and Awareness Month activities.