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FOR RELEASE ON OR AFTER SATURDAY (NOV. 24):

EIU COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 7

CHARLESTON, IL.--Legendary vocalist William Warfield will perform at Eastern Illinois University Friday, Dec. 7, with the EIU Community Orchestra as part of the University's fifth annual community holiday party celebration.

The traditional party hosted by President and Mrs. Stan Rives will precede the concert. The party will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the North Foyer, Booth Library. Doors will not open until 5:55 p.m. This year, additional seating will be provided in the library.

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The concert will begin at 7:45 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall, Doudna Fine Arts Building. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Seating in Dvorak is complimentary and limited.

Those attending the party and concert, both of which are open to the public, may park in any campus parking space, except metered spaces and those marked for the handicapped.

The Coles County Barbershoppers Chorus, Charleston High School Variations Show Choir, Eastern Illinois University Chamber Singers and Charleston Sacred Harp Singers will perform Christmas carols during the holiday party at the library.

Warfield and the orchestra will begin the concert program in the concert hall by performing portions of "The Messiah" by George Handel. The orchestra will follow with a performance of a piece by Ottorino Respighi, and will then join Warfield in the presentation of "Old Man River."

A bass baritone, he has performed with almost every major orchestra, and in recitals, music theater, opera, television, and motion pictures. His performance of "Old Man River" in the movie production "Showboat" is considered an all-time classic.

Although beginning his career as a pianist, he switched to voice when his school choir director recognized the potential of his vocal instrument. He completed his degrees at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

While he has formally retired from academia, Warfield is still very active professionally as a soloist, recitalist, and teacher of master classes and currently is Eastern's Visiting Professor for Cultural Diversity.