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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TWO EIU GROUPS TO PERFORM

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's Faculty Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at the Inaugural Ball for Governor-Elect Jim Edgar at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield next Monday (Jan. 14).

The ensemble, led by pianist and recording artist Henry Butler, a new member of Eastern's jazz faculty, consists of EIU Director of Jazz Studies Alan Horney, trombone; and graduate students Antonis Aldopoulos of Athens, Greece, tenor saxophone; David Ruth of Morton Grove, trumpet; Paul Weiler of Frankfort, Ky., bass; and Ellard Forrester of Dothan, Ala., drums.

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GROUPS TO PERFORM

The group will perform at various times during the ball from 9 p.m. to midnight at the convention center.

Another EIU group, the Collegians, will perform on Tuesday (Jan. 15) during a public "Homecoming" reception for Governor Edgar at 6 p.m. in Eastern Illinois University's University Union Grand Ballroom.

The show ensemble, directed by Robert Hills, is comprised of 24 singers and dancers and nine band members. Known throughout the area, the Collegians perform regularly at Eastern and for community groups and participate in show choir clinics for high school students.

Hills said the show ensemble's performance at Governor Edgar's "Homecoming" reception will center around Neil Diamond's popular hit "Headed for the Future."