

2019 Schedule of Events

Celebration: A Festival of the Arts

*More details to follow. Please check back often
Updated April 18, 2019*

Friday, April 26

The day's events/performances are subject to change.

A snapshot of the day's activities with more events being added daily.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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11:30 a.m.

Food Booths Open

- South side of DFAC on Hayes Street

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

EIU Jazz Lab Band

Three days of art, music and food kicks off with one of EIU's talented ensembles performing classic jazz tunes.

- Outdoor Stage

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

EIU Percussion Ensemble

Featuring an eclectic mix of Afro-Cuban, Samba, Bata and Rumba rhythms.

- Outdoor Stage

1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Geo Science Club

EIU's Geo Science Club will be providing information about and sales of the treasures of the Earth.

- South 7th Street

1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate Herpetology: Studying Amphibians & Reptiles

Students from the Biology department offering the opportunity to meet these animals up close. None of the species on display are venomous.

- Street South 7th Street, east side of Life Science Building

(in the event of inclement weather this exhibit will be located in the Doudna Fine Arts Center concourse)

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

A Celebration of Creative Writing

Professor Olga Abella, poet and professor of English, will read from her work. Other readers include Brandi Gard, Elizabeth Hicks, Jessie Haussmann and Courtney Watton.

Sponsored by the Nan Hennings Memorial Poetry Reading Series.

*** in the event of inclement weather**

- Outdoor Stage

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Ex-Bombers

The Ex-Bombers are a femme fatale with a film noir beat who mix sultry rhythms with narcotic melodies. This duo weaves together dark and catchy songs in the vein of early Velvet Underground/Sonic Youth with the style of Soft Cell/Girls Against Boys.

- Outdoor Stage

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Nickel & Dimes

Powerful blended harmonies, slick guitar and bass riffs, and synchronized rhythmic beats are what you can expect at a Nickel & Dimes performance. Whether you're in the mood for rock, pop, country, southern rock, or another genre of music, Nickel & Dimes performs it well!

- Outdoor Stage

7:00 p.m.

The Music Man – presented by Charleston High School

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Tickets: General Public \$11, Students \$9

- The Theatre

7:30 p.m.

A Choral Montage – UPDATED INFORMATION

Eastern Illinois University Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Camerata Singers will be performing Choral works by Macmillan, O'Regan, Tavener, Morley, Elder and Runestad. Don't miss the final concert of the Music Department's 2019-2020 performance season.

Admission Free

- The Recital Hall

Saturday, April 27

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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Celebration Art Fair

Featuring a variety of artisans selling their unique array of one-of-a-kind artwork.

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- South 7th Street

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

EIU Blue Note Quartet

Jazz students performing traditional and contemporary pieces. Featuring Addie Bayer, Conor Baltz, Eliot Crispin, and Jackson Frosch.

- Outdoor Stage

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Dance: The Littlest Dancer

Featuring pre-ballet and creative movement students from the DanceLife Center.

- DFAC Recital Hall

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sand Painting Demonstration

Sponsored by the Coles County Arts Council.

- Doudna Concourse

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration for the Dachshund Dash

\$5 entry fee with all proceeds donated to the Genesis Animal Rescue

- Information Booth

11:00 a.m.

Food Booths open

- South side of DFAC on Hayes Street

11:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

East Central Harmony Chorus

The East Central Illinois Chorus is chartered by Sweet Adelines, International, an international organization of women singers dedicated to the education and performance of the barbershop harmony musical art form.

Made up of women from Coles and surrounding counties and features a variety of songs sung in a cappella 4-part barbershop style. Quartets will sing as well.

- Outdoor Stage

11:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Dachshund Dash

EIU's annual "Running of the Wieners"

Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places

Proceeds benefit the Genesis Animal Rescue

Sponsored by Fetcher's Pet Supply, Charleston, IL

- Festival Grounds on South 7th Street

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- South 7th Street

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Chat Noir – UPDATED INFORMATION

Description goes here.

Sponsored by EIU's International Center for Global Diversity

- Outdoor Stage

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Kid's Art Activities

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- South 7th Street

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A Sufi music ensemble based in Charleston. The group performs traditional litanies and contemporary arrangements from the centuries-old Sufi tradition, using music as a means to cultivating mindfulness, detachment, and love. Ahl-e Qulub does not perform a concert per se, but rather shares music as meditative practice, allowing audiences to journey inward and connect with the vast reservoir of joy, contentment, love, and ecstasy that resides with each and everyone one of us.

- Black Box Theatre

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Association of International Students Showcase – UPDATED INFORMATION

A cultural mix of performers and a fashion show presented by members of Eastern's international student community. Come meet your global neighbors.

- Outdoor Stage

Sponsored by the Music Department

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

EIU's HOLI Festival Celebration – UPDATED INFORMATION

Holi is the festival of colors and is the most dynamic of Hindu festival. It denotes the completion of winter and welcomes the return of spring. One of the customs of this festive celebration is for individuals to play with colors and water. Join in the celebration but be prepared to get wet and colorful.

Sponsored by Eastern's Indian Student Association.

- South 7th Street

3:00 p.m.

Community Music Program Spring Recital – UPDATED INFORMATION

The EIU Community Music Program provides music lessons to people of all ages in Charleston and the surrounding areas. Instructors are undergraduate and graduate music majors who teach piano, voice, percussion, guitar and a variety of wind instruments. This program will feature performances by students and instructors in the program.

Sponsored by the Music Department

- Recital Hall

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Blues Man Joe and the Moon Units – UPDATED INFORMATION

The ManDogs of the MoonDogs rocking the blues.

- Outdoor Stage

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High Cotton – UPDATED INFORMATION

This band from the flat prairie land of east central Illinois aims at the heart of the high-lonesome sound, full of foggy bottoms and smoky mountain tops. It all airs out three and four-part harmonies on top of scintillating banjo, skirling fiddles and Monroe-style mandolin all played to the insistent rhythms of guitar and doghouse bass.

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Salaam – UPDATED INFORMATION

Salaam has delighted audiences with its expansive mix of traditional and original Middle Eastern Music. Exquisitely rendered melodies are woven with stories and musings, taking the listener on a musical journey. Salaam, whose name means Peace, is a musical ambassador for peaceful coexistence.

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Event to be announced

- Outdoor Stage

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Skylar Rogers and the Blue Diamonds – UPDATED INFORMATION

A southern Illinois based rock and soul blues band that performs music that survives the worst and celebrates the best!

- Outdoor Stage

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WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION