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WESTERN HOSTS GUITAR FESTIVAL

St. Joseph, Mo. — May 9, 2005 — The music department at Missouri Western State College is hosting the third annual St. Joseph International Guitar Festival and competition May 25-29.

Featured concerts and masterclasses for this year's show include Robert Trent, Isaac Bustos and Tango Lorca. Trent plays a 10-string classical guitar and won first place in Italy's Toscanini Competition. Bustos, last year's St. Joseph International Guitar Festival winner, is back performing his classical guitar solo. Bustos is from Nicaragua. Tango Lorca is one of the leading tango dance and music ensembles featuring musicians and dancers from Eastern Europe, North and South America.

"We're extremely proud of this year's lineup," commented Anthony L. Glise, instructor of music at Western and festival director. "Our festival this year is even larger than before. All these activities will continue to maintain the St. Joseph International Guitar Festival as one of the largest and most unique international guitar festivals in the U.S."

Past festivals have included students from Germany, France, Holland, Korea, Japan and the United States.

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Prize money totals more than \$5,000. The final round of the competition is open to the public, and classes taught by visiting artists also are open to the public.

The festival is centered on the Western campus, and there will be post-concert jam sessions throughout St. Joseph. The host will be Jason Riley, famed jazz/rock guitarist and Western alumnus. Classes taught by visiting musicians will include “Yoga for Musicians,” “Playing French Petanque,” “Jazz for Classical Guitarists,” “Designing Your Publicity Materials” and “Cooking for Musicians.”

Individual concert tickets are \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors. A one-day pass good for all classes, lectures, concert and jam session on that day is \$25.

For more information, contact the Western music department at (816) 271-4420, or check www.missouriwestern.edu/guitarfestival/ on the web.

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