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## **WESTERN GUITAR MAJORS PERFORM AT HEARTLAND**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 17, 2006—Visitors, employees and patients at Heartland Health in St. Joseph can enjoy guitar music each month, thanks to the community outreach program of the St. Joseph International Guitar Festival. Upper-level guitar majors at Missouri Western State University are combining the education they receive on campus with public performances.

The first Wednesday of every month a student performs from 12-2:30 p.m. in the East Wing lobby of Heartland Health. Every performance is free and open to the community.

“One of the most important things about studying music is the fact that, ultimately, you intend to share it with others. Music is certainly a business, but at the same time there’s a passion that all musicians have for the art that make it a necessity to play for others,” said Anthony Glise, director of the classical guitar program at Western and guitar festival coordinator. “The outreach program is designed not only to give students a chance to play for others, but also to have them play in situations that are truly beneficial to the community.”

For more information about the free performances, contact Connie Turnbull, volunteer services, at 816-271-6016.

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