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## **WESTERN SEEKS HOME-HOSTS FOR GUITAR FESTIVAL GUESTS**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 14, 2006—Missouri Western State University and the fourth annual St. Joseph International Guitar Festival are seeking area residents to home-host visiting performers, judges and competitors for the 2006 festival May 17-21.

Festival guests come from around the world, and home-hosting provides an affordable option for them. Each host will receive two free passes to all festival events and concerts in exchange for free room and board for the festival guests.

The festival includes headliner concerts featuring Alieksey Vianna, Christopher Berg and Tango Lorca. There will also be masterclasses and seminars on career development. Jam sessions will be held every evening hosted by Western alumnus Jason Riley, rock and jazz guitarist.

For more information or to apply to home-host a guest, call Dr. Bob Spurgat at 816-233-0038.

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