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WESTERN MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOLDS FREE GUITAR MASTERCLASS

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 10, 2006—The music department at Missouri Western State University will host a free guitar masterclass at 6:30 p.m. March 15 at Café Acoustic, 2605 Frederick Ave. The masterclass will be taught by alumnus Jason Riley, director of the commercial guitar program, and Anthony Glise, adjunct instructor of music and director of the classical guitar program. All ages are welcome.

A masterclass is an open music lesson where students perform for an audience and are then coached in front of the audience by a professor on various musical subjects including technique, stage presence, anatomy, historical performance practice and musicianship. Subjects such as career development, management, recording and publishing contracts are also discussed.

Masterclasses will be held monthly at Café Acoustic and are free and open to the community. Local guitarists are invited to bring their guitars and receive free coaching from the Western guitar faculty, as time permits. Classes for April and May will be held April 19 and May 17.

The free masterclasses are part of the community outreach program of the St. Joseph International Guitar Festival and Competition which is sponsored by Western's department of music.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.