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WESTERN'S 2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

St. Joseph, Mo. —June 22, 2004— Missouri Western State College's second annual International Guitar Festival will be held July 14-18 on campus and throughout the community. There will be concerts, classes, jam sessions and competitive opportunities for participants of all ages. Classes are open to the community, which require a day pass and begin at 9 a.m. each day.

Last year's festival boasted performers and students from throughout the United States, Germany, Holland, Japan, Korea and France. Festival organizer Anthony Glise, a St. Joseph native, said the festival this year will be larger and more diverse than last year's festival. "The vast majority of last year's audience was from out of the area," Glise said. "A number of people came from as far as New York to California and several actually flew in from Europe just for the concerts."

This year thousands of dollars in prize money and merchandise have been added for a guitar competition, and Ransomed Studios in Kansas City has donated studio recording time for the first prize winner.

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Featured concerts are as follows:

- July 14- Opening party and jam session at 9 p.m. at the Rear View Grill, 4902 Frederick Blvd.
- July 15- “Duo Firenze,” a guitar and piano duet with Dr. Robert Trent and Pamela Trent; 8 p.m. in Western’s Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall.
- July 16- Famed touring and recording artists Lucia and Val Valdamer on Spanish flamenco guitar and song; 8 p.m. in Western’s Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall.
- July 17- Classical, alternative electric guitar artist Kevin Gallagher; 8 p.m. in Western’s Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall.
- July 18- Final round of the competition featuring the three finalists; 3 p.m. at the Christian Science Church, “The Dome,” 12th and Felix, St. Joseph.

Individual concert tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$10 for students and seniors. Concert tickets are only available at the door. A day pass, including all classes and lectures for that day as well as the evening concert and post-concert jam session, is \$25.

For more information, visit www.mwsc.edu/guitarfestival/ or call (816) 271-4420.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college 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.