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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COLLECTIVE SOUL TO PERFORM AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Tickets are still available for Eastern Illinois University's spring concert featuring Collective Soul with opening acts Muse and The Squares, which will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, in Lantz Gymnasium.

Collective Soul is an alternative band from Stockbridge, Ga., which is a small town about 15 miles south of Atlanta. The band hit the music scene in the Spring of 1994 with its hit single "Shine," according to "The Collective Soul WWW Page," an unofficial band website created, maintained and supported by Collective Soul fans around the world.

The five-man group released its first album, "Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid," in 1994, followed by a self-titled album in March of 1995. Two years later, Collective Soul has just released its most recent album under its Atlantic Records label. "Disciplined Breakdown" was released in mid-March.

Some of the band's major musical accomplishments include: touring with fellow musicians for Woodstock '94; opening for big-name bands such as

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Aerosmith and Van Halen; performing a remake of "Jealous Man" for the "Working Class Hero: A Tribute to John Lennon" album; and constantly touring around the world, according to "The Collective Soul WWW Page." Just recently the band has toured Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

According to the website, "The band is known as a very talented group of young men who are known to be very serious about their music and not the hell-raising antics so popular today in rock musicians."

Tickets cost \$12.50 for EIU students with a valid ID and \$15 for the general public. They are available at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union ticket office and can be purchased until immediately before the performance.

Tickets may also be purchased from the ticket office over the phone using Visa or MasterCard. To inquire about or order tickets, call Eastern's University Union ticket office at 581-5122.