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## **Eastern to Host Benefit Concert for Hurricane Katrina Relief**

**Willimantic, CT** – On Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium, Eastern Connecticut State University faculty, staff and friends will present a musical concert to support victims of Hurricane Katrina. The public is invited. Admission is free, but organizers are asking for a \$10 donation.

“Music is a powerful means of expression,” said David Belles, professor of vocal arts at Eastern. “Jazz, blues, classical, folk, musical genres and styles tell volumes about culture and society. New Orleans in particular has a rich and vibrant musical tradition. The musicians in the Department of Performing Arts Department decided to use our talents to come together and honor this musical center by presenting a faculty concert as a vehicle to support the much needed relief effort. Audience members will hear a huge range of styles, including jazz, blues, musical theatre, hymn tune arrangements and spirituals.”

Participants include Richard Jones-Bamman, Banjo; Eldon Downing, Voice; Anthony Cornicello, Jazz Piano; Eric Ouellette, Classical Piano; David Belles, Voice; Chase Rozelle, Voice; and the Thread City Brass Quartet, with Robert Lemons on trumpet.

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