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Musical Marvel to Speak at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn. – The musical jack-of-all-trades Gordon Titcomb will visit Eastern Connecticut State University on March 5 as part of Eastern’s University Hour lecture series. Titcomb’s lecture will take place at 3 p.m. in the Paul E. Johnson, Sr. Community Conference Room of the J. Eugene Smith Library. Titcomb will enlighten the audience on how to break into the business world of music and the pitfalls thereof. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Titcomb has been a studio musician for more than 25 years. Best known for his work on pedal steel or mandolin, Titcomb is also a great guitar, dobro and 5-string banjo player. Artists that Titcomb has recorded and/or performed with include Paul Simon, Shawn Colvin, Peter Rowan, Dottie West, Hank Williams Jr., Rory Block, Marc Anthony, Blood Sweat and Tears, Kinky Friedman and Jimmy Fallon.

The multi-instrumentalist is best known for his work on the pedal steel guitar and mandolin. He quit high school at the age of 17 to move to Denver, playing with Mike Williams. There he developed an interest in country music and began playing pedal steel. After finishing high school and briefly attending the New School for Social Research in New York City, he returned to Denver where he played in bluegrass bands. In 1976, Titcomb moved to California as a member of the John Herald Band, relocating to

Woodstock, NY, with Herald the following year and joining the Woodstock Mountain Revue, with which he recorded two albums. In 1980, he moved back to New York City and performed frequently as a sideman in clubs while also writing and performing commercial jingles, and occasionally playing in the pit orchestras of Broadway shows. Currently, he is touring with Arlo Guthrie promoting his debut solo album, “The Last Train,” which was released on Guthrie’s Rising Son Records label in 2005.

University Hour is Eastern’s Wednesday afternoon cultural and educational series. For more information on this or any other University Hour events, please contact Karen Karas at (860) 465-5245.

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