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MID-AMERICA SINGERS PREPARE FOR 1993 MADRIGAL FEASTES

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The University of Southern Indiana Mid-America Singers are in full rehearsal for the 24th annual Christmas Madrigal Feastes to be presented Thursday-Sunday, December 2-5, in the University Dining Room.

Guests for the 1993 festivities will dine on a traditional roast beef dinner, with each course presented in a procession led by the Mid-America Singers. Dinner will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Guests will be entertained by strolling singers and instrumentalists, juggling jesters, sneaky beggars, and serving wenches who enjoy flirting with the lords of the manor. Knights of the realm will compete to see who is noblest and strongest.

Daniel Craig, Singers director, said the evening is a scripted event inviting audience participation in "salt violations," carol singing, dancing, and interplay with the cast. The Singers will present a program of traditional Madrigal pieces from the Renaissance, stirring music from ancient to modern composers, and traditional carols from throughout the world, he said, noting this year's composers will include Giovanni Gastoldi, Hans Leo Hassler, Thomas Morley, John Dowland, and Franz Biebl.

Proceeds from USI's oldest tradition help support the Singers' costuming, music, travel, and competition costs. Tickets are \$19.50 for adults, \$14.50 for students and senior citizens. November 29 is the deadline for reservations.

A Royal Patron may purchase a \$50 ticket, with \$30 to be set aside for the Mid-America Singers and Band Fund in the USI Foundation. Patrons will enjoy special seating and will be listed in the program (ticket deadline: November 19).

Tickets may be ordered by telephone, using VISA or MasterCard; call 812/464-1735.

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1993 Madrigal cast

*** member of Mid-America Singers -- # Madrigals only**

EVANSVILLE

Ron Baker, 972 Varsity - page *
Jamitha "Jamie" Day, 16441 Windswept - royal court *
Erin R. Deicken, 7612 Meadowview - royal court *
Bobby Evans, Jr., PO Box 2641 - royal court #
Steven Groves, 1747 Bellaire - Chamberlain, the lord's chief assistant #
Amy S. Hape, 7310 Little Schaefer - royal court *
Timothy D. Kuykendall, 34 Adams - royal court *
Tricia Stocks, 4900 Ridge Knoll - royal court *
Chris A. Sumrall, 1106 Roosevelt - guitarist *

INDIANA

Charlestown -
Tisha Lynn Holcomb, 315 Ridge Road - jester *

Hatfield -
Eric Rudisill, PO Box 150 - royal jester *

Indianapolis -
Lisa L. Fikes, 3850 Corliss - royal court *
Lisa C. Paozols, 8871 Summerwalk - wench #

Jasonville -
Eric Wm. Crosby, 125 S. Sallust - royal Court *

Jasper -
Rachelle L. Bonifer, 1931 E. State Road 164 - singer #

Lamar -
Amy L. Ward, RR 1 - royal court *

Linton -
Heather D. Gilmore, RR 4 - royal court *

Mt. Vernon -
Mark A. Ashworth, 1726 Pleasant Valley, royal court *
Anthony R. Cron, 452 Roosevelt, royal court *
Eric Jones, RR 3 - royal court *

Patoka -
Shannon Sturgeon, RR 1 - royal court *

Rensselaer -
Malia L. Hale, 623 W. Washington - wench #

Spencer -
Amy Burns, RR 1 - royal court *

Wadesville -
Jamie Cummings, 9415 Highway 66 - jester *

ALASKA

Juneau -
Ross W. Debolt, 4488 Hillcrest - page *

PENNSYLVANIA

Apollo -
Richard J. Kaczor, 210 Skylark - royal court *