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USI Madrigal Feastes slated December 5-8

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The 27th annual Madrigal Feastes — set in 15th century medieval England, against a backdrop of mystery, intrigue, humor, and lavish song — will be presented Thursday through Sunday, December 5-6-7-8, by the University of Southern Indiana Mid-America Singers.

The annual feastes are a re-enactment of a typical English holiday festival, where the king would gather the community of nobles, artisans, and supporters to celebrate conquest, chivalry, and the impending holiday season.

This is a fun-filled evening in merry old England, with many new twists and turns. The king and queen, played by USI alumni Michael and Varby Huck Galvin, are pitted against an unscrupulous court member intent on seeing the humorous demise of his royal highness.

The music is stirring and gorgeous, depicting the best of repertory from the Middle Ages to more modern selections. The Mid-America Singers will sing several selections that will be included in their tour of Central Europe next spring. One, "Exultate Iusti in Domino" by Andreas Hackenberger, comes to the USI Singers directly from Pelplin Monastery in Poland. Hackenberger was the court composer in the Mariaski Cathedral in Gdansk during the mid-1500s.

The new edition of this work was arranged by Daniel R. Craig, USI director of music, from the ancient notation of the Pelplin tabletures. The Mid-America Singers will perform "Exultate" and many other Polish selections in the Mariaski Cathedral in May 1997, when they will be in Poland during the opening of the Gdansk Millennium Celebration.

The USI Madrigal Feastes also will feature holiday selections and audience participation. The menu will include traditional English roast beef served with hot wassail (spiced cider fit for a king), soup of beef and barley, salad, and dessert. Mike Akermawi, manager of Marriott Education Services, and Eugene Bell, the new USI chef, promise a feaste fit for all the royalty in attendance. "We have been very fortunate to have Marriott as our caterer," Craig said. "The quality of the meal, coupled with the high level of service, has helped to make our annual Madrigal Feastes the success they are today."

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The feastes will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday in the University Center Dining Room, which will seat 224 each evening. Tickets are \$21 for adults; \$17 for USI students, children, and senior citizens (60-plus). Reservations are required and may be made by calling 812/465-1024.

The Singers offer those interested an opportunity to become a Royal Patron of the Feaste with a contribution of \$50 or more, which provides a ticket to the feaste of choice, special seating, and — if paid before November 19 — listing in the Royal Concert Program. Proceeds from the feastes support Mid-America Singers' endeavors throughout the year.

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Madrigal performers

Director Daniel R. Craig will portray Father Craig; USI graduates Michael and Varbi Huck Galvin will be King Henry and Lady Adelicia; and Jeremy Brack will be Chamberlain. All are Evansville residents although Mrs. Huck is a Poseyville, Indiana, native. Kent A. Starnes of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, will be Merlin. The following students will portray an assortment of lords, ladies, minstrels, jesters, wenches, beggar, page, and trumpet:

Evansville	Indiana	Illinois
Angela Adams	Amboy	Mt. Vernon
Ryan M. Frey	J.T.Stout	Matthew J. Hinz
Kasey Krug	Borden	
Alysia Lamb	Emily Lockmund	
Patrick R. Lehr	Brownstown	
Margaret Ann Lyon	Jeremy Cross	Kentucky
Mindy Mattingly	Charlestown	
Catherine Moore	Nick Ballard	Spottsville
Holly Parker	Ronnie Pierce	Cynthia R. Sanders
Michele A. Rodriguez	Greencastle	
Eric Rudisill	Brian A. Moell	
Jodi Schmitt	Guilford	
Tricia L. Stocks	Antoinette Cox	
Jason Stoermer	Haubstadt	
Julie Williams	Isaiah Harbison	
	Indianapolis	
	Kimberly Ann Smith (5201 Flintstone)	
	Jasper	
	Luke Carie	
	Linton	
	Heather D. Gilmore	
	Loogootee	
	Paula A. Strange	
	Montgomery	
	Rachel Bradley	
	Mt. Vernon	
	Shannon Christmas	
	Jason A. Porter	
	Corey N. Woolsey	
	Newburgh	
	Ryan Eastham	
	Princeton	
	Troy A. Rhinefort	
	Scottsburg	
	Steven Stump	
	Spencer	
	Jennifer Tammillo	
	Valparaiso	
	Chanda Davis	
	Wadesville	
	Gregory Bryant	
	Lisa Bryant	