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Popular music composer Nile Rodgers at USI on April 24

Popular music composer Nile Rodgers (We Are Family, Let's Dance, Like A Virgin) will be the speaker for the USI RISC showcase at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24 in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center on campus. His music career is one of the most enduring and prolific in rock n' roll. His signature is scrawled across an amazing array of music – for artists as diverse as Madonna, David Bowie, and Eric Clapton. The only African American to own his own national music distribution company, Rodgers is a pioneering king of the video game soundtrack industry. He is the go-to guy responsible for recent video music hits such as Microsoft Xbox's Outlaw Volleyball and Halo, along with the next pop phenomenon Halo 2, being released this year.

Rodgers advocates that people must stay true to their passions and work towards dreams one goal at a time. The lecture, free and open to the public, will cover his career, innovations in the music industry, and developing successful innovations and creativity. The primary audience will be USI students who are participating in the RISC Showcase. RISC stands for research, innovation, scholarship, and creativity, and the RISC Showcase provides an arena for undergraduates of all disciplines to present, demonstrate, or display their work to students, faculty, and the public. More information about Nile Rodgers is on this web site: www.nileordgers.com.

USI Day at the Zoo on April 24

Zoo animal encounters, crafts for children, and refreshments will be part of the fun at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden during USI Day at the Zoo Saturday, April 24. The event, sponsored by the USI Alumni Association and USI Student Education Association, is open to USI alumni, students, employees, and their families. Animal encounters will take place at the outdoor USI tent, where refreshments will be available.

The Student Education Association also will have booths located throughout the zoo, where crafts will include mask making, animal puppets, and a trace-and-color activity. USI Day at the Zoo will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., and most activities will be in full swing by 11 a.m.

Concrete canoe competition practice on Sunday, April 25

USI engineering students will test the concrete canoe they built at noon on Sunday, April 25 on Reflection Lake located behind the Liberal Arts Center on the southwest side of campus. USI students built the canoe to enter it in a regional engineering competition taking place Thursday, April 29, through Saturday, May 1 in Milwaukee.

In the regional competition, 70 percent of the total team score is based on engineering design and construction principles used, report presentation, and oratory skills. Also judged will be performance of the canoe and the paddlers in five different race events: men's distance, woman's distance, men's sprint, women's sprint, and co-ed sprint. Thirteen USI students have worked on the project and will make the trip to Milwaukee. The testing is dependant on the weather on Sunday. To confirm that the event is taking place, contact Eric Effinger, cell number 457-7168 on Sunday morning.

Women's Choir to perform on April 25

The University of Southern Indiana Women's Choir will perform its annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. April 25 at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. The free concert is open to the public.

The program includes: "Festival Response" by David Stocker, "There is Sweet Music" by Daniel Gawthrop, "Windchimes" by Eugene Butler, "Psalm CL" by Allen Bonde, "O Sacrum Convivium" by Don Michael Dicie, "Regina Caeli" by William Hawley, "Will Ye Go, Lassie, Go" arranged by Michael Neaum, "Carrickfergus" arranged by Gwyn Arch, and "We Rise Again" arranged by Lydia Adams.

The choir performs under the direction of Daniel R. Craig, USI assistant professor of music.

Contact Kathy Funke, director News and Information Services, at USI office 465-7050 or cell 457-6167 for further information.