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"Celebrate the Colors of Life" slated for February 2

The University of Southern Indiana Society for Arts and Humanities will "Celebrate the Colors of Life" at the ninth annual "Toast to the Arts" at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 2, at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science in downtown Evansville. The formal dinner and auction benefits the Society, which provides four full-tuition scholarships every year for majors in USI's School of Liberal Arts. Also, the Society covers expense money, transportation, and scholarships for students to attend workshops and exhibits. It also funds grants to The New Harmony Theatre, RopeWalk Writers Retreat, and the *Southern Indiana Review*, a literary magazine published by the USI School of Liberal Arts.

Following cocktails and dinner, "A Toast to the Arts" auction will feature artistic work from USI faculty including Mr. Michael Aakhus, professor of art; Mr. Lenny Dowhie, Professor of art; Mr. John McNaughton, professor of art; and Ms. Kathryn Waters, professor of art. Guests also will bid on items donated by area artists and art collectors, antiques, and other items.

Reservations are due by Thursday, January 25, and cost is \$100 per person, which includes a \$40 charitable gift. Interested parties may call Ms. Mary Jane Schenk, coordinator for development and outreach in USI Foundation, at 812/465-7149, for details or to request an invitation which lists the selection of auction items.