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## Boone Home to showcase American music May 4

19th century music, dance, lifestyle featured.

The Boone Campus of Lindenwood University, site of the Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village, will host a day of American music, dance and fun at its annual Spring Celebration Saturday, May 4. The event starts at 10 am, and runs until 6 pm at the 1810 home of America's most revered frontiersman, Daniel Boone.

"Music is so much a part of our American heritage," said Pam Jensen, Guest Services Manager at the Boone Home, "and wonderful musicians playing traditional music on traditional instruments will be everywhere." Jensen said that dulcimers, zithers, banjos, bagpipes, guitars, woodwinds and a harpsichord were some of the instruments that would be played at various sites around the grounds. Additionally, several vocal groups will be performing in the styles of traditional Appalachian music, English folk music, ragtime, barbershop, gospel and bluegrass.

The event will showcase more than just music with European roots. The Native American Indian Center of St. Louis will offer drum performances, traditional Indian dances, storytelling and family activities, and the region's African heritage will be represented by choirs singing traditional spirituals and African-American folksongs in Old Peace Chapel. In addition, Robert Ruby, organist at the Fox Theater in St. Louis, will present several programs of patriotic music on the 28-stop Wicks pipe organ in the Chapel.

Nor does the schedule of events overlook dance. Folk and square dancers from throughout the area will be on hand to provide both demonstrations and lessons, and a traditional May Pole will be erected in the Village Green.

Jensen said, "All our programs at the Boone Home are planned both to preserve our traditions and to share them with the public." Visitors to the Spring Celebration will not only be entertained; they will also be part of the entertainment. Sing-alongs are planned at a number of sites around the grounds, and demonstrations with various instruments will allow visitors a hands-on opportunity to make music. In addition, youngsters can make instruments and play them in a special children's activity area.

Regular admission to the Boone Home entitles visitors to all Spring Celebration activities and performances; there is no premium charge for the special event. The Boone Campus of Lindenwood University is located on Highway F in St. Charles County, halfway between New Melle and Defiance. For more information on the Daniel Boone Home or the Spring American Music Celebration, call 636 798-2005.

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