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**LRAC grant will bring renowned guitarist to campus**

*Summary:*

(February 19, 2004)-By Matt Gilmore '05, UMM News Service -- A \$1,100 grant from the Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) received by University of Minnesota, Morris guitar instructor Matt Dingo will be used to bring renowned guitarist Tim Sparks to the campus. Sparks will host a master class, workshops for middle school and high school students, and a concert.

The concert, titled Hedstoc, and will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at UMM. The workshops will be held March 26 in Morris area schools. The master class will be open to reservation watch for further details closer to these dates.

Dingo completed a grant application to the LRAC, which included a general overview of how the money would be used and whom it would benefit, following an LRAC career development grant he received last summer, which he used to attend guitar lessons and arrange songs with Sparks. The purpose of the most recent grant is to promote the arts in the area, said Dingo.

“It’s not just a grant for the University, it’s for the community too,” said Dingo. As the details of the upcoming events are being determined, Dingo is happy for the opportunity the grant provides. “It’ll be fun,” he said.

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