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Susan Werner to Return to IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse will welcome the return of singer-songwriter Susan Werner, who will perform in the Main Lounge of Memorial Center (104 University, Blomington) on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show, which is free and open to the public, begins at 8 p.m.

Touring in promotion of her critically acclaimed fourth album *I Can't Be New*, Werner describes the project as a blend of Carole King's *Tapestry* and Ella Fitzgerald's *Cole Porter Songbook*. According to the *Philadelphia Daily News*, Werner "conquers the cabaret/jazz pop scene with sublime original songs that sound like Great American Songbook classics."

Werner's songs, which have been compared to popular standards written by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Billy Strayhorn, shimmer "with melodic elegance, urbane romanticism and sly, sexy wit," reports the *Boston Globe*.

The Iowa native, who has a master's degree in classical voice from Temple University, is recognized by audiences and record producers alike for her technically flawless vocals infused with moving emotional delivery. Werner, who has been performing in the acoustic folk/jazz scene since the mid-90s, will perform songs from her new album as well as selections from her other contemporary acoustic offerings.

For additional information, contact the Blue Moon Coffeehouse information line at (309) 556-3815 or visit <http://titan.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/>.