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Jill Sobule to Perform at IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse will welcome singer/songwriter Jill Sobule, who will perform in the Main Lounge of Memorial Center (104 University St., Blomington) on Saturday, April 15.

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

Sobule, whom *The New Yorker* calls "a feisty post-punk feminist," combines "bouncy, irresistible melodies" and social consciousness (her satirical songs address themes from the death penalty to eating disorders) to create songs that are simultaneously funny and tragic. *Entertainment Weekly* describes her style as "smart, neoclassical pop."

The Denver native is often recognized for the song "Supermodel," featured on the soundtrack to the movie *Clueless*, as well as her national top 20 hit "I Kissed a Girl," the first song with an overtly gay topic to be aired on Top 40 radio. However, her range of material extends far beyond these hits, and *The Village Voice* maintains that Sobule's songwriting skills "transcend her one-novelty-hit wonder status."

In addition to recording five albums, Sobule has composed music for the Nickelodeon television show *Unfabulous* and the off-Broadway production *Prozak and the Platypus*. However, critics say that Sobule shines most in a live performance, where she has shared the stage with Neil Young, Billy Bragg, Steve Earle, Waren Zevon and Lloyd Cole.

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