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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse will welcome back singer/songwriter Kristina Olsen to the Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington) for a performance on Saturday, May 13.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"Kristina Olsen not only reduces grown men to quivering wrecks with her songs, she also knits socks between sets... That's talent for you," said Caz Graham, BBC Radio presenter. Olsen, a current Los Angeles resident, rarely sees her Venice Beach home because she spends 11 months out of the year touring all over the United States, Europe, New Zealand and Australia with her jazz-inspired sounds, bittersweet blues and storytelling skills.

Born and raised in the San Francisco area during the 1960's, Olsen's approach to music and life was formed by an environment of vital cultural expression, social activism and diverse musical influences. To date, Olsen has recorded eight CD's with various collaborators, including frequent performing partner, cellist Peter Grayling. Olsen won the Kerrville Songwriting award with her song for battered women "*I'm Keeping This Life of Mine*," and her song "*Dangerous*" is featured on the Fairport Convention 1997 release "*Who Knows Where the Time Goes?*"

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