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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Carrie Newcomer will perform at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse on Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington). Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the public are \$10 each and are available at The Garlic Press (108 W. North St., Normal) and at the venue, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets can also be reserved or purchased Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. by calling the Blue Moon Hotline at (309) 556-3815. Ticket requests may also be e-mailed to bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu.

A vocalist and guitarist, Newcomer is known for her folksy tone and integration of poetry and prose into her pieces. She was the first artist ever to perform at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, having been familiar with the University from playing three times previously with regional band Stone Soup. Since her first solo performance at the coffeehouse she has returned several times and according to the Blue Moon Web site has become one of the program's favorites. Her latest album, *Regulars and Refugees*, is the follow up to *Betty's Diner: The Best of Carrie Newcomer*. The album examines different characters and delves into several real issues of American life, such as poverty and social injustices.

According to Barbara Kingsolver, author of *The Poisonwood Bible*, Newcomer's varied talents are what make her so unique, "To my mind—a writer's mind—Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor...all this, and she comes with a voice that declares: 'Sit down here a minute and listen.'"