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Cheryl Wheeler to Perform at IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Acclaimed singer-songwriter, Cheryl Wheeler returns to perform at Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse, Friday, April 7 at 8 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the concert will be held in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Flavored coffees, herbal teas and light pastries will be available.

Wheeler, a popular artist on the New England coffeehouse circuit, is known in acoustic circles as an artist of contrasts. Because Wheeler is not afraid to reveal the secrets behind her songs, her music allows the audience to experience a wide variety of musical styles and feel different emotions. One minute audiences will find themselves wiping tears from their eyes as Wheeler sings of a haunting memory and the next minute, she will have people howling with laughter from her sarcastic and cynical stage presence.

Wheeler's latest CDs include *Sylvia Hotel* (1999) and *Mrs. Pinocci's Guitar* (1995). In 1983, Wheeler released her first self-produced recording called *Newport Songs*. Her first two CDs, *Cheryl Wheeler* (1986) and *Half a Book* (1991), were on an independent label, North Star. Wheeler's third CD, *Circles & Arrows*, was originally released on Capitol then reissued on Philo, a division of Rounder Records.

Wheeler's fourth CD, *Driving Home*, produced three singles: "Almost," "Silver Lining," and "75 Septembers," a song written for her father, and sung by Peter, Paul and Mary on their album, *Life Lines*.

Musicians like Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Vince Gill, Allison Krauss, Pam Tillis, Mark O'Connor and David Hungate have appeared on Wheeler's CDs. Country and folk artists including Maura O'Connell, Dan Seals and Suzy Bogguss also have performed Wheeler's music.

About the Blue Moon Coffeehouse

The Blue Moon Coffeehouse has been bringing free, acoustic music concerts to the IWU campus and the Bloomington-Normal community since 1992. For more information on Cheryl Wheeler and the Blue Moon Coffeehouse series, call the Blue Moon Concert Infoline at (309) 556-3815. To join the mailing list or send a comment, the e-mail address is bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu

Previous Blue Moon Coffeehouse performers include Ani DiFranco, Carrie Newcomer, Sons of the Never Wrong and IWU alums, Al and Andi Tauber.

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 baseball stadium. Construction is underway on a \$23 million library and \$6 million student center. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranks Illinois Wesleyan University 12th among the nation's 1,600 private colleges in providing top-quality education at an affordable cost. Also sharing IWU's ranks are Princeton and Dartmouth.

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