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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Singer-songwriter SONiA Rutstein, formerly of the folk-rock band disappear fear, returns to play a show at the next Blue Moon Coffeehouse at Illinois Wesleyan University. The free concert, which is open to the public, will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and flavored coffees and light pastries will be available.

The concert will coincide with this month's release of *Me Too*, the new CD from SONiA and the disappear fear band.

Fans are already making plans to travel to IWU in order to catch this amazing singer-songwriter in a one-of-a-kind solo gig. SONiA writes with intensity and to-the-bone honesty while delivering her songs with both electric and acoustic guitars, a "(Bob) Dylanesque" harmonica, and a big voice that rocks a house.

Her writing draws from modern day subjects and she delivers these songs with a powerful angst and a passion that moves people to dance, to smile or to cry. Her tunes express a call to love out loud, and to confront the difficult issues of our times -- from the political struggle against censorship to those for human rights to the turmoil and triumph of the heart.

Boston-based Rounder Records has released five disappear fear CDs, as well as her previous solo effort, *Almost Chocolate*.

NOTE: SONiA's web site is: <http://www.best.com/~joeo/soniasite/index.html>

About The Blue Moon Coffeehouse

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

Previous Blue Moon Coffeehouse performer have included Ani DiFranco, Carrie Newcomer, IWU graduates Al and Andi Tauber, and the Sons of the Never Wrong.

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. Since 1994, the following 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, and a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching rates Illinois Wesleyan a "Baccalaureate I" institution, a classification that places it among 159 highly-selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive +" in its latest edition.