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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse begins its ninth season of intimate concerts with Carrie Newcomer and her band, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. on the Eckley Quadrangle. The setting will include unique lighting against surrounding pine trees, and a specially tailored sound system to create an atmosphere of relaxed listening.

Singer-songwriter Newcomer has kicked off each season of the Blue Moon Coffeehouse. Her bluesish voice, midwestern storytelling and humor always make a perfect start to the concert season.

Darcy L. Greder, associate dean of students and coordinator of the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, says, "If Carrie Newcomer is coming to town, you know it must be the beginning of fall."

Reviews of Newcomer call her amazing, haunting, strong but subtle, literary and poetic. According to Greder, Newcomer also will have copies of her newest CD, *The Age of Possibility*, on sale for \$15 as part of a national CD release tour. Newcomer's producer, Philo Records, calls her latest CD her best, "wise and lyrical, invincible, vulnerable and lovely."

This year's opening of the Blue Moon Coffeehouse season is coordinated with IWU Family Weekend activities. Tables and chairs will be provided, as well as space for blankets and casual lounging. Flavored coffees, tea, and pastries will also be available.

In the event of uncooperative weather, the concert will be held in the Blue Moon Coffeehouse's usual location which is the Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave, Bloomington.

About the Blue Moon Coffeehouse

The Blue Moon Coffeehouse has been bringing admission free, acoustic music concerts to the IWU campus and the Bloomington-Normal community for nine years. Throughout that time, the concert series has become nationally recognized as an excellent touring stop for national artists.

For more information on Carrie Newcomer or 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, Patty Larkin, and IWU alumni, Al and Andi Tauber.