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Event: Blue Moon Coffeehouse, featuring Vance Gilbert

Date: Saturday, Feb. 10

Time: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and performances, usually consisting of two sets, begin at 8 p.m.

Location: Main Lounge, Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington

Admission: Free and open to the public

Background: A Blue Moon Coffeehouse favorite and a daring voice in contemporary acoustic music, Vance Gilbert, never fails to leave a lasting impression on his audience, whether they are loyal fans or fresh ears.

According to publicity material, "He is legendary at Blue Moon for having brought the house down, only leaving the stage after giving the house three encores following the standing ovations urging for more. Finally, standing atop a chair in the middle of the room, he bid the crowd goodnight with a benediction offered a cappella to the hushed room."

Gilbert entered the folk singer/song-writer scene in the early 1990s and his website (www.vancegilbert.com) notes, "the buzz started spreading in the folk clubs of Boston about an ex-jazz singer who was knocking'em dead at open mikes." Not only did Gilbert leave impressions with his musical ability, but his interspersed comical dialogue also has contributed to his success.

Well noted for his guitar playing skills and his soothing voice, the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram described Gilbert as "The voice of an angel, the wit of the devil and the guitar of a god." The Chicago Tribune has said he is "well-crafted and thoughtful," and the Boston Globe called him "that rare performer for whom people lean forward in their seats as eagerly between songs as they do during them."

Gilbert proves his talent again and again. His 1998, "Shaking Off Gravity" continues to receive rave reviews. Gilbert was named the Kerrville Music Award Vocalist of the Year in 1997.

The Bluemoon Coffeehouse at Illinois Wesleyan University brings the chance for the possibility and excitement of a bluemoon in a coffeehouse setting featuring numerous folk artists.

Contact: For additional information, call the Blue Moon Concert Infoline at 309/556-3815.