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## Media Advisory

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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** Blue Moon Coffeehouse: Jess Klein and Pamela Means

**Date:** May 19 (Saturday)

**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, open to the public

**Background:** Jess Klein and Pamela Means are two rising stars in the acoustic music scene. Klein has opened for such acts as Ani DiFranco, Dar Williams, disappear fear and Martin Sexton. Marilyn Rae Beyer, music director for WUMB 91.9 FM, Boston notes how "Jess Klein grabs an emotional subject, wrestles it to the ground, makes it cry or moan with passion, then rises demurely, dusts herself off, and gives the audience a big, sweet grin. We've seen the future and it is Jess."

Klein is currently touring in support of her critically-acclaimed Rykodisc CD, "Draw Them Near."

Originally from Milwaukee, Wis., Means launched her career in Wisconsin before leaving for Boston and singing in the subways. Her work paid off as she was voted WI Female Vocalist of the Year in 1996, WI Folk Artist of the Year in 1995 and Milwaukee Shepherd Express Reader's Poll Best Acoustic Act in 1993 and 1992.

In the past, Means has opened for Joan Baez, Patty Larkin, Shawn Colvin, Neil Young, Ani DiFranco and others. In 1998, Means performed at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival (FRFF) New Artist Showcase and was named the Number One Most Wanted to return showcase artist by the FRFF audience survey. She has released three CDs, "Seven Romans," featuring Brian Ritchie of the Violent Femmes, "Bone Spurs" with an appearance by Ani DiFranco and "Cobblestones," featuring 10 live solo performances.

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