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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Acclaimed singer-songwriter, Carrie Newcomer returns to perform at Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse, Saturday, September 15 at 8 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the concert is coordinated with IWU's Family Weekend 2001 and will be held in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington. Flavored coffees, herbal teas, and light pastries will be available.

Newcomer, considered one of the most dynamic acoustical musicians of our time, will kick off the tenth season of the Blue Moon Coffeehouse. Newcomer's poignant performances are able to touch audiences on a personal level with a blend of Midwestern storytelling and humor.

Newcomer has been reviewed as amazing, haunting, strong but subtle, virtuoso, literary, and poetic. The Chicago Tribune heralded her as one of the best live performances of the past year and her unique music has garnered positive reviews from magazines and newspapers including Rolling Stone, The Village Voice, USA Today, and Billboard.

Her latest CD, The Age of Possibility, on Rounder Records is listed among the top twenty in their catalog for the year. The album was engineered and co-produced with Newcomer by Mark Williams (Kirk Franklin). Don Dixon (R.E.M.) played bass and served as band leader/arranger for Newcomer's latest work that ranges from the intimacy of solo voice, guitar and piano to an acoustic driven full band over the course of 13 songs.

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 Carrie Newcomer and the Blue Moon Coffeehouse series, call the Blue Moon Concert Infoline at (309) 556-3815.

Previous Blue Moon performers include Ani DiFranco, Cheryl Wheeler, Susan Werner, and IWU alums, Al and Andi Tauber.