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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Singer-songwriter and guitarist Willy Porter will return to Illinois Wesleyan's Blue Moon Coffeehouse to perform on Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. The performance will take place in the Young Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and coffee and light pastries will be available for purchase. Admission for students, faculty and staff is free with a valid IWU ID. Tickets for the public are \$15 and are currently available at The Garlic Press in uptown Normal (108 W. North St., Normal), through the telephone request line at (309) 556-3815, requested by e-mail at bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu and at the venue beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the night of the performance.

Porter, originally from Mequon, Wis., started his musical career playing the viola, but was drawn to the guitar after hearing music by Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges. Porter, who has been making albums for more than 17 years, plays with a combination of folk, rock and pop.

He released his first CD, *The Trees have Soul*, in 1990. In 1994, Porter released his second album, *Dog Eared Dream*. The song "Angry Words" from this album was a popular top-10 hit on Triple AAA radio stations around the country. A year later, Porter signed with Private Music/BMG records and toured in America and Europe with Rickie Lee Jones, Tori Amos and The Cranberries. In 1999, he switched to Six Degrees Records and released the pop-folk CD *Falling Forward*, which was produced by Grammy winner Neil Dorfsman. In 2002, Porter released a self-titled album and in 2003, a solo live album titled *High Wire Live*.

Porter's combined experience with both major and independent record labels led him to start his own label, Weasel Records, in December of 2005. He is currently touring in support of his latest CD, *How to Rob a Bank*.

Porter currently lives in Milwaukee, Wis., with his wife and two children.

For additional information about the concert, visit the Blue Moon Coffeehouse Web site at titan.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/. For more information regarding Porter, visit his Web site at www.willyporter.com/.

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