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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Singer-songwriter and guitarist Willy Porter will perform at Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Main Lounge of Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show, which is free to IWU faculty, staff and students with an I.D., starts at 8 p.m. Tickets for the public are \$10 and are available at The Garlic Press (106 W. North St., Normal), at the door, on the Blue Moon Coffeehouse Web site at <http://sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/> or by calling the Blue Moon Hotline at (309) 556-3815, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

Porter, who has traveled across the U.S., Canada and Europe, grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. He started his musical career playing the viola, but was drawn to the guitar after hearing Leo Kottke's *6 & 12 String Guitar* record. Porter, who has been making records for more than 17 years, plays with a combination of folk, rock and pop. He released his debut CD, *The Trees Have Soul*, in 1990. Since then, Porter has released five CDs, including his most recent work, *Available Light*, with his own label, Weasel Records.

He has toured with Tori Amos, The Cranberries, Paul Simon, Sting and Jethro Tull to name a few. Porter's biggest hit, "Angry Words," from his album *Dog Eared Dream*, was a top ten staple on Triple AAA radio stations around the country.

Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull has said, "Willy Porter's music demonstrates admirably that the technical excellence of his guitar-playing will never overwhelm the essence of the song itself. In perfect symbiosis, the disciplines of performance and songwriting combine together to create the unique work for which he is admired by professional peers and audiences alike."

Porter, who lives in Milwaukee, Wis., is married and has two children.

For additional information about Porter, visit his Web site at <http://www.willyporter.com>. To find out more about the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, visit <http://sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/>.



Willy Porter

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