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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse series will feature returning artist singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier at a special Sunday evening performance on Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and available at The Garlic Press (106 W. North St., Normal) or at the venue beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the night of the performance. Reserve tickets by phone by calling the Blue Moon Hotline at (309) 556-3815 Monday-Friday from 8:00-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets are also available for purchase by credit card online. E-mail your request to bluemoon@iwu.edu.

Gauthier describes herself as a truth teller, a term that pays tribute to her musical influences-Bob Dylan, Jim Morrison, Neil Young and Patti Smith to name a few. Her recent albums, 1999's *Drag Queens in Limousines* and its 2002 follow-up, *Filth & Fire*, drew praise from critics and established her as one of the Americana scene's heavy hitters. She was named the New/Emerging Artist of the Year at the 2005 Americana Music Awards, and is currently touring in support of her fourth album, *Mercy Now*, which ranked number one on L.A. Times writer Randy Lewis's Top Ten Music List for 2005. According to Lewis: "The Louisiana singer-songwriter's major-label debut crackles with truths lifted with a surgeon's precision from the struggles of real life. Following in the footsteps of John Prine, Gauthier exhibits a poet's unflinching eye, a counselor's compassionate heart and a trickster's wry spirit."

For additional information on Gauthier, visit her web site at www.marygauthier.com. For additional information on the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, visit sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/.



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