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## Vance Gilbert Returns to Blue Moon Coffeehouse

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - American folk singer/songwriter Vance Gilbert will return to the Blue Moon Coffeehouse to perform on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Center's Main Lounge (104 University St., Bloomington).

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show, which is free and open to IWU faculty, staff and students with I.D., starts at 8:00 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 [sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/](http://sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/) or by calling the Blue Moon Hotline at (309) 556-3815, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. till noon, and 1 p.m. till 4 p.m.

Described by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* as having "the voice of an angel, the wit of the devil, and the guitar of a god," Gilbert, a Philadelphia native, is considered a legend at IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse. An African-American singer/songwriter in a notably white genre, critics claim he is a daring new tenor voice in new adult contemporary acoustic music which has ultimately led him to become an integral part of the New England folk scene. Critics note "his smooth, full-bodied voice and heartfelt lyrics wring out emotion from despair to euphoria, sliding from one extreme to the next."

In the early 1990s, the ex-jazz singer burst into the folk scene when he began to "knock audiences dead" on the Boston open mike circuit. By word of mouth, news spread about Gilbert's music all the way to New York City where Grammy Award-winning musician Shawn Colvin had been performing. Colvin then asked Gilbert to be a special guest in her Fat City tour, launching his career.

Gilbert has recorded eight albums including *Angels*, *Castles and Covers* and *Unfamiliar Moons*, three of which appeared on Philo/Rounder Records.

For additional information, contact the Blue Moon Coffeehouse information line at (309) 556-3815, or visit the Blue Moon Web site at [sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/](http://sun.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/).



Vance Gilbert

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