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- Event:** Singer-songwriter Susan Werner to perform for the 9th time at Illinois Wesleyan University
- Date:** Oct. 9 (Saturday)
- Time:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:00 p.m.
- Location:** Blue Moon Coffeehouse, located in the Main Lounge, Memorial Center, 104 E. University Street
- Admission:** Free and open to the public. IWU students, staff, and faculty may reserve seats by contacting bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the performance.
- Background:** Singer-songwriter Susan Werner, on her ninth visit to IWU, will be playing hits from her newest album, *I Can't Be New*. Werner has had five previously released albums: *Midwestern Saturday Night* (1991), *Live at the Tin Angel* (1993), *Last of the Good Straight Girls* (1995), *Time Between Trains* (1999), and *New Non-Fiction* (2001). Werner said that she would describe *I Can't Be New* as, "Carole King's tapestry meets Ella Fitzgerald's Cole Porter Songbook."
- Werner was born and raised in Iowa where she played the guitar since she was 5 years old. When she was 22 Werner moved to Philadelphia and studied opera at Temple University where she earned her master's degree in music. However, playing the guitar still fascinated her, and soon interest in the guitar and writing music overcame her opera aspirations.
- Werner has received raves from numerous critics, including *New Yorker Magazine*, which said that Werner is a "clever songwriter and engaging performer." According to Werner's producer, "You can't listen to this record without getting a lump in your throat at least once-and I'm betting it'll be more than once."
- Contact:** For more information, contact the Blue Moon Coffeehouse information line at (309) 556-3815.