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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – In promotion of her critically acclaimed fourth album, *Mercy Now*, Nashville singer/songwriter Mary Gauthier (pronounced Go-SHAY) will debut at Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse, in the Main Lounge of Memorial Center (104 University, Bloomington), on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show, which is free and open to the public, begins at 8 p.m.

Gauthier, often compared by critics to Lucinda Williams, is best known for her half-sung, half-spoken stories of men and women struggling with the same issues of broken families and substance abuse that color her own past. Drawing on the experiences of her long and strange trip to the stage, the philosophy-major-turned-restaurant-owner-turned-singer wrote her first song at the age of 35 and, since that time, has released four albums, the latest of which, *Mercy Now*, received three and a half stars from *Rolling Stone* magazine. According to *Entertainment Weekly*, "the beauty of Gauthier's country noir lies in the humanity of her characters and in the sweet yearning of her Louisiana drawl."

The Gauthier's debut music video, "Mercy Now," won the audience award for best video at the 2005 Nashville Film Festival. The video was directed by Demetria Kalodimos, IWU class of '81, who, as a news anchor with Nashville's NBC affiliate station, WSMV-TV, has won 14 regional Emmy Awards. Kalodimos also runs Genuine Human Productions, a film company committed to telling true stories about real people through documentaries. The music video can be seen on Gauthier's Web site, www.marygauthier.com.

For additional information, contact the Blue Moon Coffeehouse information line at (309) 556-3815 or visit <http://titan.iwu.edu/~bluemoon/>.