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## **"disappear fear's" Sonia Rutstein goes it alone this time**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.-- Singer-songwriter Sonia Rutstein, of "disappear fear," will perform a unique solo performance in the Main Lounge of Illinois Wesleyan University's Memorial Student Center on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Rutstein has appeared at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse with "disappear fear," but in this return engagement the Baltimore native will go it alone. But it won't be the first time. Rutstein performed solo a couple of years ago when her sister and co-founder of "disappear fear," Cindy Frank, was pregnant.

Rutstein, is described in press materials as a "small woman with a big voice." Her show will be a mix of electric and acoustic guitar, with perhaps, some harmonica thrown in.

Rutstein and Frank founded "disappear fear" with her sister in 1987, when the duo was the group. By 1993, "disappear fear" had become, at times, a six-piece band.

Rutstein and "disappear fear's" increasing popularity is illustrated by the band's critically acclaimed, Philo label album, which debuted last year.

Grammy-winning musician and album producer Craig Kampf, who calls Rutstein this generation's Bob Dylan, a distant relative of the sisters. While Rutstein may not have the fame of the rock icon, "disappear fear" packs some added star power on the album.

Guest vocals by the Indigo Girls, Jon Carroll (of the Mary Chapin Carpenter Band) and 60s icon, Janis Ian, among others, are featured on the album.

Tracks on "disappear fear" are indicative of Rutstein intense songwriting style. The album includes tracks such as "Who's So Scared," a commentary on prejudice adapted from a Countee Cullen poem. "Fix My Life" is a wake-up call about the AIDS epidemic, while songs like "Washington Work Song" are politically charged.