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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.-- Veteran singer/songwriter, Judy Gorman, will make her first appearance at Illinois Wesleyan University's *Blue Moon Coffeehouse*, Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center.

Locals

The concert is free and open to the public.

Gorman's voice, style and lyrics have been touted by the Boston Globe and other reviewers. "Singing with a dark rich voice, singer Judy Gorman... was especially effective with a simple, moving personal story of a performance in Germany," the Boston Globe said. "That song brought the idea of international solidarity within reach. No small feat."

"Women get to be 'Eve' or 'Mary' in pop music," she said, explaining her music. "'Eve' is powerful and sexual, but is characterized as a predatory monster, while 'Mary' is seen as nurturing, but boring and powerless. I want aspects of both."

Gorman, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native, grew up looking to strong women such as her mother, who was an anti-war organizer, and confident singers like Alberta Hunter and Billie Holiday as sources of inspiration.

Gorman has spent the last 12 years performing on the road full-time, and has played everywhere from rural America to Eastern Europe.

She has released three full-length albums entitled "If Dreams Were Thunder," "Right Behind You in the Left Hand Lane" and "Live at Folk City."

The *Blue Moon Coffeehouse* brings to the Illinois Wesleyan University community entertainment presented in a coffeehouse setting. All *Blue Moon Coffeehouse* events feature flavored coffees, herbal teas and light pastries (for nominal costs), along with a varied program of acoustic performances.