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POET, ACTIVIST AND SINGER/SONGWRITER PERFORMS AT IWU'S BLUE MOON COFFEEHOUSE, FEB. 22

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Poet, activist and singer/songwriter Libby Roderick will perform at IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse on Feb. 22.

Roderick's 8 p.m. appearance will be in IWU's Main Lounge, Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Roderick's performance is open to the public and admission is free.

Roderick, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, is making her first IWU visit. She has performed all over the United States and extensively in Europe.

Roderick has released three recordings and a fourth release is slated for this spring. Her first album, *If You See A Dream*, was released in 1990 without a label. The orders for it were so great she started the record label, Turtle Island Records from which she released *Think Like A Mountain* and *If The World Were My Lover*.

Roderick has been compared to Tracy Chapman and many 1960s' singers for her clear voice and storytelling. "Her writing moves from beautifully poetic to intelligently funny and back again effortlessly," according to The Maverick Report.

She spent a year in India, while her parents were in the Peace Corps. Roderick graduated summa cum laude from Yale University with a degree in American Studies and has worked as a TV and print news reporter, radio consultant, nuclear weapons educator and a writer on Alaskan Native issues and women's history.

Here are some reviews of Roderick's music:

--Performer Fred Small: "Libby is a breath of fresh air, a voice of sanity, healing and celebration.

--Goldenrod Distribution, Lansing Mich.: "Her songs will haunt you, empower you, make you think, and leave you with a smile. They're not for those who wish to cling to life with timidity - or a bad attitude."

--Victory Music Review, Seattle, Wash.: "The energy of her music, like the best music of the women's and civil rights movements, has the power to sustain and encourage us . . . Her music penetrates through numbness to reveal, affirm and inspire our lives."

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IWU was founded in 1850, enrolls 1,900 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$25 million science building opened in the fall of 1995. A \$4.6 million Center for the Liberal Arts--a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty--is slated to open next fall as well as a \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, classification that places it among 161 highly selective National Liberal Arts College in the annual U.S. News and World Report rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive(+)" in its latest edition.