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Michael Kelsey**Guitarist to Headline Family Day Show at IWU**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Acoustic guitarist Michael Kelsey will headline the Family Day show at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse on Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Memorial Student Center is located at 104 E. University Ave. The concert is free and open to the public.

Kelsey calls his performance style "progressive aggressive." His sound is like a three-piece band rather than a solo performer due to his extensive use of the guitar. He slaps, knocks, pings, pulls and coaxes a unique combination of sounds and his fingers always are searching out new places on the instrument to play.

An example of his broad range of styles is a mid-October, 1995, concert in San Diego, where Kelsey was teamed up with the popular alternative band, Blind Melon. Kelsey and late Blind Melon lead vocalist Shannon Hoon were friends and played together in a late '80s band, Styff Kytten. While Hoon went on for a career in rock, Kelsey headed in a different direction, forming a "funkopated" solo acoustic style.

As a native of Lafayette, Ind., Kelsey has made such an impression on his home area that he's been dubbed one of Indiana's best musicians by the *Indianapolis Star* newspaper.

"Mike packed the house with every show he played here. He is extremely talented and enthusiastic...always giving his all and rewarding the audience who filled the house each night," said Greg Emig, co-owner of The Lafayette Brewing Co.

Family Day events will include refreshments in the Main Lounge, 9-11 a.m.; photographs and caricature artists in the Memorial Student Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and a luncheon in the Main Lounge at 11:45 a.m.

There will be a sculpture exhibition featuring Kevin Ginger in the Merwin Gallery of the School of Arts Building, 12-4 p.m.; a football game

against Washington University at 1:30 p.m. and a family movie, *Toy Story*, in the lecture room of the School of Arts Building, 2-4 p.m.

A jazz ensemble concert will take place in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall at 7:30 p.m. and the Blue Moon Coffeehouse performance by Kelsey will begin at 8 p.m.

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