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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Touring in support of her new release, *On the River Road*, singer Karen Savoca is headlining the next Blue Moon Coffeehouse at Illinois Wesleyan University. The free concert, which is open to the public, will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St.

Karen Savoca

With a voice that's been called "veiled and mysterious. . . beaded and tie-dye bluesy. . . like the angel assigned to nightclub guardian duty for a good part of eternity. . . sweet, but seasoned."

Savoca plays conga and percussion, infusing the music with her love of soul, rhythm and blues, and world rhythms. She met guitarist Peter Heitzman in the early 80's, and together they formed the popular New York band, The Mind's Eye. For the past several years, they have been playing exclusively as a duo, and have been described as a self-contained mini band. Their sound is an elusive mix. . . melodic, funky, and spontaneous. They play all types of venues from large festivals and concert halls to clubs and coffeehouses. They have shared the stage with Little Feat, NRBQ, Kenny Rankin, Ani DiFranco, The Nields, Martin Sexton and Greg Brown. Their honors include:

- Winner of *Musician Magazine's* Best Unsigned Band Contest in 1995
- 1996 SAMMY Awards - Best Songwriter, best rock vocalist, best folk-rock group.
- 1995 SAMMY Awards - Record of the year, best folk-rock group.
- *The Syracuse New Times* - Best original release of the year.

Their latest release, *On the River Road*, was co-produced by Tom "T-Bone" Wolk, who has worked with such performers as Carly Simon, Hall and Oates, Elvis Costello, and the Saturday Night Live Band.

About The Blue Moon Coffeehouse

The Blue Moon Coffeehouse has been bringing free acoustic music concerts to the campus of Illinois Wesleyan and the Bloomington-Normal, Ill., community since 1992. For more information, call the Blue Moon Concert Infoline at (309) 556-3815 and to join the mailing list or send a comment, e-mail address is bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu.

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. Since 1994, the following facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, and a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching rates Illinois Wesleyan a "Baccalaureate I" institution, a classification that places it among 159 highly-selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive +" in its latest edition.