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## **Ani DiFranco to Appear at Illinois Wesleyan**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Grammy-nominated singer Ani DiFranco will make her only Midwest appearance of the season when she plays on April 17 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Tickets, which are all general admission with no reserved seats, for the 8 p.m. show are \$18 and are available beginning Feb. 17 at the IWU Office of Residential Life, 209 Shaw Hall on campus. There is no limit to the number of tickets that may be purchased.

Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), at Ticketmaster in Bergner's in Eastland Mall, Bloomington, and at Illinois State University's Braden Auditorium Box Office in person or by phoning (309) 454-5500.

DiFranco is returning to IWU as part of her tour in support of her 10th solo album, "Little Plastic Castle," which has been called one of the 25 "most anticipated albums of 1998" by Alternative Press. Her last release, "Living in Clip," is a live double CD, includes a song recorded at Illinois Wesleyan's Shirk Center during her last visit to campus.

For further information about Ms. DiFranco's appearance, phone the IWU Office of Residential Life at (309) 556-3815.

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. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994 and a \$25 million science center opened in fall 1995. The \$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, opened in August 1997, as did a new \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 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.