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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Christine Lavin, folk musician, songwriter, record producer and author, will debut her tenth solo album, *One Wild Night In Concert*, at Illinois Wesleyan's Blue Moon Coffeehouse on Saturday, October 17, at 8 p.m. The concert will be held in the Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave. and is free and open to the public.

Bringing her latest collection of sophisticated contemporary urban folk music to the Blue Moon was only natural for Lavin, since the material for this live album was recorded at the coffeehouse on November 22, 1997. "It's as raw and spontaneous as a night out at a folk concert can be," said Lavin. "Nobody knew we were making an album; we were just having fun."

Born in Peekskill, N.Y., Lavin began playing guitar at age 12, and later became a singer/songwriter, producer and member of the band "Four Bitchin' Babes." The success she found in a solo career which followed, earned her two New York Music Awards, three American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) composer awards, and the Kate Wolf Memorial Award. In addition, her songs have been performed by diverse artists such as Andrea Marcovicci and the Dartmouth Decibelles, and earlier this year, more than two dozen contemporary singer/songwriters recorded a tribute album of her work called *Big League Babe*.

Currently, Lavin is president of the New York branch of her own record label "christinelavin.com records," and is marketing *One Wild Night In Concert* through her website at www.christinelavin.com and at her concerts. "I'm convinced that the internet

will become more and more important in the sale of music...so I'm bypassing the record stores," Lavin said. "But I'm not nuts; I do have a barcode on the disk in case I'm wrong!"

In early 1999, Lavin's first children's book, "Planet X," will be published by Robin Books of Washington, DC. It tells the story of the planet Pluto, from its discovery earlier in the century to the present. A CD single will also be released to accompany the book.

Meanwhile, Lavin continues to take her beloved melodies across the United States and Canada, appearing at intimate venues such as the Blue Moon Coffeehouse.

The Blue Moon Coffeehouse has been bringing free acoustic music concerts to the campus of IWU and the Bloomington-Normal community since 1992. Previous Blue Moon performers have included Ani DiFranco, Carrie Newcomer, IWU graduates Al and Andi Tauber, and the Sons of the Never Wrong. For more information, call the Blue Moon Concert Infoline at (309)556-3815, and to join the mailing list, send a message to bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu.

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 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.