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## **Peter Mulvey to Perform at IWU's Blue Moon Coffeehouse Jan. 9**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Peter Mulvey will be the first headlining act of the new year at Illinois Wesleyan University's Blue Moon Coffeehouse. The free concert, which is open to the public, will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9 in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and flavored coffees and light pastries will be available.

Mulvey throws you smack-dab in the middle of a train wreck between Leo Kottke, Prince and Michael Stipe. The low, deadpanned, detuned growling funk is unmistakable, while the lyrics speak with an insight that peers beyond the experience of his twenty-something years. Mulvey pushes, pulls, twists, turns and shatters the preconceptions of acoustic based music in the nineties. His inventive guitar work has gained him national reputation. Mulvey's strength lies in his dark, eerie songs and the artful juxtaposition of his vocals against acoustic rhythm guitar playing on par with both Kottke and Ani DiFranco.

"Deep Blue" is Mulvey's second full length CD for Eastern Front. His producer, Nicholas Sansano, has worked with such groups as Public Enemy, Sonic Youth and Soul Coughing. The title song was inspired by the famous chess duel between Gary Kasparov and IBM's super-computer Deep Blue in 1997.

### **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](mailto:bluemoon@titan.iwu.edu).

Previous Blue Moon Coffeehouse performer have included Ani DiFranco, Carrie Newcomer, IWU graduates Al and Andi Tauber, and the Sons of the Never Wrong.

### **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.