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Franco-American Folk Singer Josée Vachon to Perform at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn.—Josée Vachon, internationally-known Franco-American folk singer, will perform at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) on Friday, Nov. 19. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium, located at the corner of Valley and Windham Streets. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Born in Quebec and raised in Maine, Vachon has been presenting her own compositions, along with traditional and contemporary folksongs from Quebec and Acadia, for the past 20 years. She accompanies her singing with French-Canadian foot-tapping and spoons.

Vachon began singing publicly in the early 1980s at state festivals, schools, parish soirees and the Franco-American Center at the University of Maine. She immediately gained recognition as a new Franco-American voice.

Vachon received the 1999 National Culture Through the Arts Award from the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers for her work. She has performed at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, for the Women's Singing Traditions of New England Tour in 1994, and also in Quebec at conferences on *la francophonie*.

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