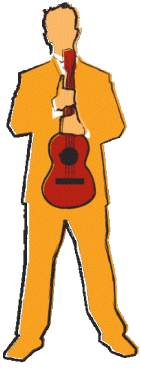


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UKULELE POP ARTIST JEFF SOLOMON, NOW DISTRIBUTED BY ROIR RECORDS, PLANS KNITTING FACTORY SHOW FOR DEC 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Jeff Solomon**, a singer/songwriter and comedian best known from the award-winning New York sketch group **Elephant Larry**, **will soon make his first appearance at The Knitting Factory** to promote his debut EP, "Around the Square." This will be Solomon's first NY-area performance since returning from a West Coast tour that included shows in Seattle (at the Capitol Hill Arts Center) and San Francisco (at the Make-Out Room). "Around the Square," which showcases Jeff's talents as an **ukuleleist/saxophonist/keyboardist**, has been selling online since August and will hit major stores this week, thanks to a new deal with **ROIR Records's** distribution arm (**Clap Your Hands Say Yeah**, Menlo Park, **Los Amigos Invisibles**, I-Town Records, Audika Records). ROIR is best known in the indie community for releases by **Television, Bad Brains, MC5, Lee Perry, and Bill Laswell**.

Early reviews for Solomon's record have been strong, with comparisons being drawn to Jonathan Richman, Andrew Bird, and Rufus Wainwright. The popular U.K. journal **Drowned In Sound** called the EP "a promising collection of songs that display an impressive amount of weight. **Immediately likable and full of nuances to pick over.**" 98 KUPD's **Jonathan L** called the record "delightful... This Manhattan boy can sure sing. **The KCRW's of the world should be all over this.**" The staff of **VH1's Song of the Year** gave the single "**Temporary Song**" a score of **94/100**, saying, "The music has a strong appeal that the listener won't be able to get enough of. [The] vocals are soulful and beautiful! The melodies are outstanding." And the **NY Press** remarked, "Solomon has enough practical musicianship to turn oddities into **very successful, brainy-complex pop songs.**"

Jeff Solomon is already familiar to comedy fans as a writer/actor/musician for the award-winning **Elephant Larry**, whose current show, "BOOM," has been selling out performances at the P.I.T. since April. **The New York Times** recently called E.L. "a hilarious multimedia mix of the deadpan and the maniacal," and **NY Metro** and **New York Magazine** both named E.L. a #1 late-night theater pick. **Elephant Larry's** act, which often showcases Solomon's musical efforts, has won acclaim from the mainstream press (**Time Out NY, Back Stage**) and indie critics (**Gothamist, NY Press**) alike, and Solomon is aiming to score a similar success with his first "legit" offering.

**Andrew Felluss**, who produced, engineered, and mixed "Around the Square," is a **protégé of renowned producer Phil Ramone** who has engineered on projects including **Ray Charles' "Genius Loves Company," Paul Simon, Rod Stewart, and Jay-Z**. Andrew is excited to take part in these developments with Jeff, as he has with other emerging talents, such as Ryan O'Neill and Marwood.

Solomon studied classical composition with **recent Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Steven Stucky** at Cornell, where he began to build a following for his engaging ukulele-songwriter shows. He soon found himself opening for well-known indie acts like **Ari Hest**, and in late 2003, Jeff started his touring career with two packed headliner gigs at **CB's Gallery**. Jeff assembled a band with **players from Bruce Cockburn's band** and N.Y. mainstays like the Allison Cipris Band, and his current promotional tour was kicked off with a **standing-room-only performance at N.Y.'s Living Room**.

*"If you put Joe Jackson in a blender with The Jayhawks and Tom Waits from his 'Heart of Saturday Night' era, you might get something like Jeff Solomon. Or you might just get a really gross smoothie. Or life in prison."*

## PERFORMANCE

**Jeff Solomon (lineup TBA)**  
**@ The Knitting Factory**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM \$8**  
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