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UKULELE POP ARTIST JEFF SOLOMON TO PLAY THE UNDERSCORE ON MARCH 25TH

Jeff Solomon, a singer/songwriter and comedian best known from the award-winning New York comedy group **Elephant Larry**, **will soon make his first appearance at The Underscore** to promote his debut EP, "Around the Square." This performance is one of several NY shows that Solomon has planned for the spring, and **it will be the only show to feature his "horn and strings" quartet.**

"Around the Square," which showcases Jeff's talents as an **ukuleleist/saxophonist/keyboardist**, has been selling online since August and is now becoming available in stores through **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 and Bill Laswell.**

Early reviews for Solomon's record have been strong, with comparisons being drawn to Jonathan Richman, Andrew Bird, and Rufus Wainwright. **Time Out New York** noted that "Promising singer/songwriter Solomon has a sensitive touch and an ear for pop ballads." 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.**" Radio personality **Jonathan L** said, "**The KCRW's of the world should be all over this.**" The staff of **VH1's Song of the Year Competition** gave the single "Temporary Song" a score of **94/100**, saying, "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.**" The online/underground press has been similarly encouraging, with **recommendations from Gothamist, SFist, Seattlest, Largehearted Boy and NY's The Deli Magazine.**

Jeff Solomon is also familiar to comedy fans as a writer/actor/musician for the award-winning sketch group **Elephant Larry**, whose recent show, "BOOM," ran for nine months to sell-out crowds at the People's Improv Theater in 2005. **The New York Times** 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 for equal success and exposure with his first "legit" musical 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 set up shop in NY with two packed headliner gigs at **CB's Gallery**. Solomon is now touring with a rotating cast of **players that include members of Bruce Cockburn's band** and other similarly talented acts. His current promotional tour has included a **standing-room-only performance at N.Y.'s Living Room** and solo showcases at **Plan B** and **Caffe Vivaldi.**

"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 (w/horns & strings!)

@ The Underscore

Saturday, Mar. 25th at 8 PM \$5

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