

"Ellis Paul has done the miraculous: he's taken his soaring, soul stirring voice and brilliantly nestled it into 12 inspiring, tender, warm-hearted family songs."
-- Billy Jonas

ELLIS PAUL RELEASES HIS FIRST FAMILY CD *THE DRAGONFLY RACES*

New CD Takes All Ages Audience on a Musical Adventure
Guest artists include Antje Duvekot, Flynn, Vance Gilbert and Billy Jonas
Available January 8, 2008

Boston – **Ellis Paul**, an internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and troubadour, will release his first family music CD, ***The Dragonfly Races***, on January 8th, 2008.

The new CD builds upon the great American folk tradition in children’s music with original songs that bring a fresh take on empowering children to be involved with their world. The songs offer Paul’s unique sensibility about life and all the possibilities of childhood. The colorful digi-pack release includes a 24 page picture book with beautiful illustrations sketched and painted by Paul. An impressive group of guest artists perform with Ellis on *The Dragonfly Races*, including Antje Duvekot, Flynn, Vance Gilbert and Billy Jonas. The recording was produced by Flynn.

The Dragonfly Races offers true family listening which works on many levels. The songs evoke a fanciful world where dragonflies race in the meadow and chameleons march on Washington, DC. The lyrics take listeners on a socially conscious adventure, empowering them to stand up against injustice. While the lyrics deal with serious concepts, there is plenty of whimsy and fun too. Paul finds endless inspiration from his young daughters Ella and Sofi and says, “I wanted my kids to hear music with social commentary and some fantasy, music with fresh cultural insight like “Wabi-Sabi” that encourages them to value the things I want them to care about most.

Ellis Paul is a critically acclaimed singer, songwriter, poet, troubadour and father of two daughters, originally hailing from a potato farming family in northern Maine. He is the recipient of 13 Boston Music Awards, second only to multi platinum act

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Aerosmith. The *Boston Globe* heralds him as a "songwriter's songwriter;" *Performing Songwriter* says, "He combines the sensibilities of Bob Dylan and Bill Morrissey and delivers it with passion that sets him apart in the company of a new breed of songwriters." *Dirty Linen* magazine says Paul is "one of contemporary folk music's most influential voices" and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* calls him "one of the best songwriters of the past decade."

His songs have appeared in films such as *Me Myself and Irene*, and *Shallow Hal* as well as numerous television productions. Ellis was invited by Nora Guthrie (Woody Guthrie's Daughter) to put music to lyric's of Woody's unfinished song "God's Promise" which has since been covered by many artists. Ellis performs nearly 150 shows a year and travels across North America and Europe. He plans several family concerts in 2008 to celebrate the release of *The Dragonfly Races*.

The Dragonfly Races will be available from www.ellispaul.com, Amazon.com, CDFreedom.com and CDBaby.com as well as as iTunes.

The suggested retail price is \$15.

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Track Listing: *The Dragonfly Races*

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| 1. Wabi-Sabi
2. Because It's There
3. Abiola
4. Road Trip
5. Dragonfly Races
6. The Bed Song
7. Little Red Rose | 8. Pinwheel
9. The Star Inside the Apple
10.I Like to Swing
11.The Million Chameleon March
12.9 Months to Fix This World
13.I Lost a Day to the Rain
14.Bonus track |
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