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**LURKER RECORDING ARTIST JOHN MCGILL SELECTED AS FINALIST IN
2004 KERRVILLE NEW FOLK COMPETITION FOR EMERGING SONGWRITERS**

Inland Empire songwriter and Lurker Music Recording Artist **JOHN MCGILL** has been selected as a Finalist in the **2004 Kerrville New Folk Competition for Emerging Songwriters**.

McGill, who is a resident of Crestline, California, is finishing up a new CD to be released by Lurker in conjunction with his Kerrville appearance. Titled *Being There*, the new 4 song collection is a follow-up to McGill's widely acclaimed *Journey From LaLa*.

Born in Dallas, Texas, John at first resisted the call of the rock, preferring jazz and classical music. In time, a dizzying roster of potent American influences -- Aaron Copeland to Gram Parsons -- infused his musical consciousness. He spent his teen years rocking in bands with his brother, balancing high harmonies and rhythmic Southern rock roots, indelible elements that remain imbedded in his current musical mix as evidenced on his debut artist's release, the instrumental *Facing West*, as well as *Journey From LaLa*.

Lurker Recordings is a new cooperative label formed by McGill, singer/songwriter Ralph Torres and producer/engineer Phil O'Keefe. Based in Riverside, California, Lurker has been created to release special limited edition recordings with an emphasis on quality songwriting. *Being There* is Lurker's inaugural release and will be signed and numbered by the artist.

The 33rd Annual New Folk Competition will be held during the 2004 Kerrville Folk Festival May 29th and 30th, 2004. Out of 600 entries, thirty-two writer-performers have been invited to share their original songs. Six New Folk Winners will be selected from the thirty-two and will return on Sunday, June 6 to perform their original songs and to receive their awards. Established at the suggestion of Peter Yarrow in 1972, these annual concerts are one of the high points of the year for songwriters from all across the country.

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