

# MUSIC

## Jakob Dylan: Familiar name, unfamiliar sound

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Growing up with a famous musician for a father has its advantages. And it also has its disadvantages. Jakob Dylan, the youngest of musician and poet Bob Dylan's sons, is set to release his first solo album on May 13. Columbia Records and Starbucks Entertainment have announced that the two companies will co-sponsor his release "Seeing Things," Dylan's first record apart from his quadruple-platinum-selling band The Wallflowers.

Being the son of one of the most influential musicians in rock/folk history, Dylan was exposed to a wide catalogue of historic music. At home in Greenwich Village and later in LA, the family would listen to such acts as Hank Williams and Lightnin' Hawkins. However, Dylan says that, in order to overcome the stereotype of being a famous person's son, he has ventured into his own work, discovering his own, personal style of music, completely separate from that of his father. "I think there's a real need for any 12-year-old to discover their own music—something that's their little secret," said Dylan.

2008 is going to be a busy year for Dylan. He has already signed on to play at this year's Rothbury Music Festival, featuring such acts as Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, John Mayer and 311, in June and at the Bonnaroo Festival, featuring Pearl Jam, Metallica and Jack Johnson, also in June. Dylan is also planning a headlining tour later this year.

Jakob Dylan is the youngest son of Bob and his ex-wife Sara, who Bob wrote about for the majority of the album *Isis*. Dylan is married to actress Paige Dylan, who has appeared in television shows such as *Beverly Hills 90210*. The couple has three sons.

Dylan has been a part of many music releases over the last two decades, including The



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Wallflowers' five studio releases. He has done background vocals for such artists as Joe Henry, Rusty Truck, Willie Nile and John Doe and was the co-writer for Rosanne Cash's album "Rules of Travel."

The Wallflowers gained mainstream success

with the release of their quadruple-platinum album *Bringing Down the Horse*. The single "One Headlight" won two Grammy Awards in 1998. The band's most recent release was 2005's *Rebel, Sweetheart*.

Dylan's career began in the late 1980s. In 1988, he attended Parsons School of Design in NYC to pursue painting, a hobby that excited him. However, he made the same decision that his father made more than two decades prior. "I just wanted to see if there was anything else for me, something that was more powerful to me than making music," Dylan said. "As soon as I got there, I knew it was the wrong choice. I wasn't like the other kids that wanted to do it day and night; I didn't have that need."

Like his father, Jakob dropped out of school to focus on music. He remembered all of the times watching his father play and how much he enjoyed the atmosphere of live music and being in a band. "I liked the gang mentality that some of those groups had, and I've always wanted to be surrounded by that sort of camaraderie," he said.

Whether it's performing with his band or on the road as a solo artist, Dylan will continue the family's music tradition, while forming new paths in the road. His name may be the same, but his style is his own.



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Picture of Jakob Dylan, son of singer/songwriter Bob Dylan. Jakob has moved past his days with the Wallflowers and is focusing on his career as a solo musician attempting to musically connect with a wide array of audiences. His album is expected to release in May.

### Quote of the Week:

*"I met his dad first through different waterman activities. I think it was a while before I met Jack. I think Kelly Slater had given me his first record. I was in the islands at the time, and that went great. It was a great record to listen to in nature. There was a point about two or three years ago when I was with Ben Harper. I said, 'Okay, Ben, how about you and me chip in and get Jack a distortion pedal?' And we had a little bit of a laugh, you know? But I thought about that a lot, and that was my fault that I wasn't getting it. What he's doing is real. As opposed to him getting a distortion box or opposed to him trying to be something else, it's real. There are so many positive things that you get from listening to his records or seeing him live. I didn't get it for a long time, but now I get it."*

-Eddie Vedder on Jack Johnson

### Weekly Musical Trivia for the Behrend Beacon

Which performer opened Woodstock?

- A. Jimi Hendrix
- B. Arlo Guthrie
- C. CSNY
- D. Richie Havens

Answer to last week's question: A. Elvis Presley

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### National Music News in Brief

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*The Foo Fighters are suing Marvel Comics, Timberlake's the star of the minor leagues, and another concert lineup is announced..*

Dave Grohl and company are suing Marvel Comics for their alleged use of "Best of You" and "Free Me" in the trailer for the new animated series *Wolverine and the X-Men*. Producers First Serve International, Toonz Animation India and First Serve Toonz were all mentioned in the lawsuit and it was not made clear as to what the Foo Fighters were interested in receiving from the companies.

The band is suing for copyright infringement and if you watch the trailer, it is apparent that the two tracks were used to produce the preview. It is uncertain as to why Marvel Comics made use of these songs without approval.

Justin Timberlake is starring in a new film, *The Open Road*, which follows a minor league baseball player attempting to reconnect with his former star athlete father while taking care of his mother.

Films have become quite a trend for JT due to his success in films like *Alpha Dog* and *Black Snake Moan*, but that's not all. Timberlake is also in the works of creating a new men's fragrance with Parfums Givenchy which is expected to hit stores this fall.

Radiohead will headline the All Points West festival which is scheduled for Aug. 8-10 at New Jersey's Liberty State Park. Tickets, ranging from \$89-258, will go on sale Feb. 29 at noon. Radiohead is scheduled to headline the first two days until Jack Johnson comes in to headline the final day.

In addition to these big names, Underworld, Kings of Leon, Rodrigo y Gabriela, Cat Power, The Roots, The New Pornographers, Youssou N'Dour, Animal Collective, Andrew Bird, Mates of State and many more.

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