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W CENTRAL JERSEY SINGER/SONGWRITER/GUITARIST **MIKE MONTREY**
TO RELEASE EAGERLY AWAITED DEBUT SOLO ALBUM *A PERFECT*
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S **Mike Montrey's** debut solo release will be commemorated with a launch party
on April 19th at The Old Bay, New Brunswick

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY (Phantom Power Productions) March 14, 2008 – Three years after the release of his band **Water's** last collaborative effort, renowned frontman and inventive guitarist **Mike Montrey** is set to release his debut solo effort, *A Perfect Reality* on April 19th, 2008.

Mike Montrey is a Singer/Songwriter/Lead Guitarist based out of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Credited with creating a style that is a "melodic achievement," **Montrey** mixes somber acoustic drones with upbeat saxophone laced grooves and driving guitars, while adding an alt-country feel with thought provoking lyrics. The culmination - a sound that is truly original.

"The recording process for *A Perfect Reality* was completely unique from anything I've done before," says **Montrey**. "Obviously, it is different when you are in control of the project from start to finish as opposed to a full band weighing in with their opinions. There are positives and negatives to both, but (here) I was better able to evaluate the end result because it's what I intended it to be from the very beginning."

The much anticipated *A Perfect Reality* release will be celebrated with a performance and launch party at The Old Bay, 61-63 Church Street, New Brunswick on April 19th at 10PM.

A Perfect Reality features **Adam Garnys** (saxophones) formerly of **New Blood Revival**, **Rob Smith** (drums), **John Mangan** (bass), **Karl Dietel** (keyboards) of **The Samples**, **Kim Williams** (piano, strings) performed with **Bernie Worrell**, **Garth Hudson** and many others and **Andy Keenan** (pedal steel guitar) of **John Eddie** fame and **Citizen Band Radio**. Recorded in Philadelphia, the album was engineered and co-produced by **Mike Tarsia**. **Tarsia**, whose credits include work with Billy Preston, Joe Pass and a Grammy Award earned for his engineering work on **Patti LaBelle's** *Burnin'*.

Track List:

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| 1. World Full Of Dreams | 7. All Of This And More |
| 2. Take Me Down Mississippi (Listen) | 8. Care For Me Tomorrow |
| 3. Embrace The Darkness | 9. Tin Can |
| 4. A Space Inside My Head | 10. Montana's Eyes |
| 5. Dance Studio (On My Own) | 11. Mr. Last Night |
| 6. Newport, Molasses | |

"This album means more than I can say, it is the closest I've come to creating the music that's in my head," says **Montrey**. "And I'm astounded by the performances of the others on the album, and how they made these songs what they are."

A founding member of the popular jamband **Water**, **Montrey** built his own solo band over time, and has performed as a member of **The Samples** on the 2007 *Rehearsing For Life* national tour. **Montrey** has released three studio efforts with **Water**; *The Grass Sun* (2002), *Dig* (2003) and *The Spectacular Elevator* (2005) which has earned the band *and Montrey* local acclaim.

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"Obviously believers in letting their music speak for itself... Singer /Songwriter **Mike Montrey** – a vocal cross between Bob Weir, Donovan and Dave Matthews – guides (his) talented 5-piece through well constructed songs that embrace country, stoner-jazz, folk, fusion, funk, world beat, rock, reggae, metal, mariachi, samba and soul in a quest for the perfect groove..." reported The Aquarian Weekly on *The Spectacular Elevator* in April of 2005.

Mike Montrey appears regularly at such New Jersey venues as The Old Bay, Harvest Moon and Court Tavern (New Brunswick), The Saint (Asbury Park) and Triumph Brewery (Princeton). More notable appearances include The Stone Pony (Asbury Park), The House of Blues (Dallas, TX, Boston, MA), The Starland Ballroom (Sayreville, NJ), Tipitina's Uptown (New Orleans, LA), Nectar's (Burlington, VT), Ascot Terrace (Hollywood, CA), Smith's Old Town (Atlanta, GA), Musikfest (Bethlehem, PA), New Hope Arts Fest (New Hope, PA), Black Potatoe Music Fest (Clinton, NJ) and the coveted SXSW Music Fest (Austin, TX). **Montrey** has also graced stages alongside celebrated artists Jimmy Cliff, The Wailers, Keller Williams, Dickey Betts and more. Currently **Montrey** can be seen performing locally in support of *A Perfect Reality* and with **The Samples and Water**.

Beginning on April 19, *A Perfect Reality* will be available at area retailers Jack's Music in Red Bank and online at www.cdbaby.com and the iTunes Music Store.

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For more information...

The official Mike Montrey website: www.mikemontrey.com
Mike Montrey touring schedule: <http://www.mikemontrey.com/schedule/index.shtml>
Mike Montrey on MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/mikemontrey>
Booking Inquiries, email: booking@mikemontrey.com
The Old Bay: <http://www.oldbayrest.com/>

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Mike Montrey is available for print, online and broadcast interviews.
Review copies of *A Perfect Reality* available by request.
Digital Mike Montrey audio tracks are available for podcasting and review by request.