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Award-winning children's entertainer Owen Duggan continues to enjoy popularity and recognition for his CD, **AN ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS**. The title track, also known as "The Elephant Song", has captured the hearts of children and families around the world. Having won "Best Song for Infants and Toddlers" in the 2007 **Children's Music Web Awards** it now brings in "Honorable Mention" at the 2009 **West Coast Songwriters Association** International Competition in California.

Along with fresh, upbeat original material Owen's CD contains lively folk and jazz tunes, combined with classic children's songs like "The Marvelous Toy" and "The Biplane Evermore." NPR children's music reviewer Stefan Shepherd declares Owen's zany rendition of "The Ants Go Marching" to be "perhaps my favorite" *of all versions ever recorded*. Shepherd on his site *Zoogobble.com* also says that "An Elephant Never Forgets is the album Raffi could have recorded . . . had he decided to continue mining the vein of classic kids' songs, folk songs, and other musical traditions." The *San Antonio Express-News* describes Owen's music as "reminiscent of the best of Burl Ives, Tom Paxton and Pete Seeger." Awards for his recording include **National Parenting Publications** "Gold" and **Parents' Choice** "Silver" in 2006. Owen's next album, *A Little Bitty Ball*, has a charming song about caring for the earth and is due out in 2010.

Available now for concerts and special events, Owen has performed throughout his home state of Texas, including appearances on **WFAA TV** in Dallas and at the **Blue Willow Bookshop** in Houston and **Fort Sam Houston** and **San Antonio Children's Museum** in San Antonio. Owen has also given concerts at the **Acorn School**, **Laurel Heights Weekday School** and **Gates Elementary** in San Antonio and for the **Starlight Foundation** and **Leukemia-Lymphoma Society** for children with cancer and other serious medical conditions.

In addition to his career as a singer-songwriter Owen directs a church music program and teaches music at an elementary school in San Antonio where he lives with his wife and two children, age seven and three. His love for children and his fun, interactive performing style is sure to win over kids and parents alike.

For more information on Owen Duggan, his music and concert activity, we invite you to visit *owenduggan.com* or contact Jill Cooper at *jill@jmcartists.com*. Retail and on-line outlets for *An Elephant Never Forgets* include *amazon.com*, *Barnes & Noble*, *Borders* and *cdUniverse.com*.

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