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**ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX & STELLA ARTOIS
PRESENT...**

**From Los Angeles: Hi-Hat Recording Artist
SPOOKEY RUBEN**
performing songs from his latest release
"ALONE AT THE ZOO"

Saturday December 27
@ C'EST WHAT?
67 Front Street East Toronto
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DON'T MISS SPOOKEY RUBEN "ALONE AT THE ZOO"

*"Perhaps the biggest drawing point to Ruben's music is that it's refreshing, especially in an era of long-faced rock stars who take themselves too seriously and pop nymphs who take themselves too lightly. Ruben's sound can be hard to pin down: a retro collage of 80s future pop, clever hooks, synthesizer jaunts, samples, beeps and, well, fun."
- Mike Bruneau, THE FULCRUM.*

On **DECEMBER 26TH**, **ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX** and **STELLA ARTOIS** present Hi-Hat Recording recording artist **SPOOKEY RUBEN**, performing songs from his latest release, "**ALONE AT THE ZOO**". Armed with signed-and-numbered limited edition CDs, the Ottawa-born **SPOOKEY RUBEN** is returning to Canada following a three-week European tour, and will be performing an intimate solo acoustic show at Ottawa's legendary nightclub, **ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX** before returning to Toronto to play at Toronto's most intimate performance venue, **C'EST WHAT?**.

Having spent the last year struggling as a composer for TV commercials in Los Angeles, **SPOOKEY RUBEN** is coming home – for two nights only. With his US work visa on file, Spookey is returning to Canada, playing first in **OTTAWA** on **DECEMBER 26th** at **ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX**, and then in **TORONTO** on **DECEMBER 27th** at **C'EST WHAT?** **SPOOKEY RUBEN** is excited to be back home for Christmas in the province he calls "Rocktario", and is looking forward to performing to many of his closest friends and *most* devoted fans.

Best known for his wildly eccentric and chart-topping successes, (**MODES OF TRANSPORTATION VOL.1**, and the 2002 double-release albums **BED** and **BREAKFAST**), **SPOOKEY RUBEN** hasn't stopped pushing the boundaries of his unique audio-visual pop sensibilities since the release of his first MuchMusic sponsored homespun music video creation: "**THESE DAYS ARE OLD**" back in 1995. Known for his sophisticated yet colorful compositions, often combining adventurous melodies with found sounds and child's eye imagery, he continues attracting new audiences from all over the world.

SPOOKEY RUBEN's signed-and-numbered limited edition release "**ALONE AT THE ZOO**" is an odd collection of 'almost finished' works & raw demos. The new album features rough sketches completed in Spookey's bedroom in Los Angeles, three demos commissioned for **HEIDI**, an animated feature film by **NELVANA** [which were later rejected], and rough mixes from studio sessions with **JOHN MCENTIRE** at **SOMA STUDIOS** in Chicago [featuring **JOHN MCENTIRE** on drums/percussion, **DOUG MCCOMBS** on bass and **JEFF PARKER** on lead guitar].

Don't miss **SPOOKEY RUBEN**, in a rare and intimate live performance at Ottawa's best-loved nightclub, **ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX**, on **DECEMBER 26TH**, and at Toronto's celebrated performance venue, **C'EST WHAT?**, on **DECEMBER 27TH, 2003**. After a three-week European tour, Spookey is excited to be returning to his favourite Canadian city and hometown, Ottawa, before making his final stop in Toronto where he is sure to greet many fans. Please join him in a fun-filled evening of songs, stories and video surprises as he performs songs from his highly anticipated release, "**ALONE AT THE ZOO**", and favourites from the past. Tickets \$8.00 for both shows, purchased only at the door. **ZAPHOD BEEBLEBROX** is located at **27 York Street, Ottawa**. **C'EST WHAT?** is located at **67 Front Street East, Toronto**.

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