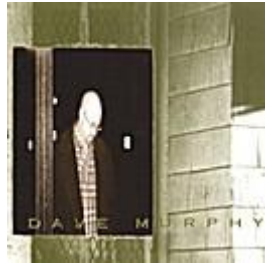


## Mp3 Dave Murphy - Under The Lights



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"At once thought provoking and an easy listen, gracefully rides the fine folk-Americana line. Fairfield County Weekly 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, COUNTRY: Country Rock Details: Dave Murphy is a singer-songwriter from Montclair, NJ. He's a 2005 Kerrville New-Folk Finalist, his first LP "Under the Lights" was selected by the editors of Performing Songwriter as a DIY Top 12, his latest LP "Chasing Ghosts" received airplay on hundreds of Triple-A and Americana radio stations across the country including WFUV New York, WUMB Boston, WDET Detroit, WPFT Houston, WCBE Columbus, OH, WMNF Tampa, FL, WGNU Boulder, CO and many more. "Chasing Ghosts" actually spent over 12 weeks on the national Top 35 Folk Airplay Charts of the Roots Music Report. Murphy has been an in-studio guest on several stations including WFUV in New York, where host John Platt aptly described Murphy as "the real thing." In the last few years Murphy has been fortunate enough to have shared the stage with some of today's finest artists including Steve Forbert, Slaid Cleaves, Alejandro Escovedo, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Vic Chesnutt Jimmie Dale Gilmore Suzanne Vega. At live shows (as well as on his CD's) Murphy presents his music in a simple and uncluttered fashion allowing the song and his warm whiskey tinged voice to be the focal point. Murphy was recently selected as a Finalist for both the New-Folk Competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Kerrville, Texas and the Singer Songwriter Contest at the Wildflower Music and Arts Festival in Richard, Texas. He performed at both festivals in May 2005. For the most part Murphy has stayed relatively close to home performing mainly in the northeast. He's played such venues as the Tin Angel in Philadelphia, the Acoustic Caf in Bridgeport, CT, the SONO Music Arts Festival in Norwalk, CT, Outpost in the Burbs in Montclair, NJ, the Towne Crier in Pawling, NY, Maxwell's in Hoboken, NJ, and the Postcrypt Caf, the Living Room and the Knitting Factory in New York City. Murphy's songs speak of love, treasured and lost, and the struggle for faith, hope, and redemption.

Though he has experienced his fair share of life's bumpy roads, he relishes the journey and through his music, takes you on a lyrical pilgrimage through the American soul. Murphy strives to peel away the layers and go deeper in search of that place where the truth lives, exposing it, often from a unique or unexpected perspective Music critic/writer Chris Smith dubbed Murphy "a musical Raymond Carver" and went on to say, "Murphy taps the raw nerve so many struggling songwriters can't seem to find" Twin Cities Revue Minneapolis, MN. (April 29. 1999) Murphy credits his musical hero's Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Steve Earle and American icon Woody Guthrie for much inspiration. In addition he cites influences from a variety of artists ranging from the Birds and Gram Parsons to James Taylor, Neil Young and Gordon Lightfoot to Merle Haggard and Hank Williams. Released in 2003 "Chasing Ghosts" was co-produced by Marc Muller the talented multi-instrumentalist who has been a member of country superstar Shania Twain's touring band since 1995. Grammy-nominated troubadour Steve Forbert makes a special guest appearance on "Chasing Ghosts". "The songs are a masterful blend of Country, Americana and Folk Rock...a wonderful triumph of the human spirit in song." Rick Rock Tribes Hill News (May '03) "Under the Lights" Dave's debut LP, was released in 1998. It was selected as a prestigious DIY Top 12 Pick in the December 1999 issue of Performing Songwriter. Neil Fagan of Performing Songwriter described "Under the Lights" as both "eloquent and illuminating." Murphy's CD's are available on his website [murphyworld.com](http://murphyworld.com) directly through [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com). Currently he's writing, performing and has just begun work on a new CD that is scheduled for release in 2006. Contact: Dave Murphy (P.O. Box 43322 Montclair, NJ 07043) 973.746.4768, email: [dave@murphyworld.com](mailto:dave@murphyworld.com) Dave Murphy is a member of both ASCAP and the Americana Music Association.

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