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On Sunday Café Paradiso hosts talented troubadour Jeff Buckley, who recorded a gripping, solo four-song EP. Live at Sin-é (Columbia), at the popular, tiny Irish coffeehouse in NY's East Village. Although he's recording a follow-up with a full band, the solo setting highlights his hypnotic, scary intimacy. His voice (and falsetto) is convincing, even otherworldly, on his own songs and covers of Edith Piaf and Van Morrison, Jolly Mon and Gary Heffern will also perform, \$2 cover. The next night, Buckley will open a show at the Velvet Elvis Arts Lounge for Brooklyn, NY's Copernicus, a performance poet-philosopher. Copie has been getting raves in Europe for his spoken word and music shows of guttural, manic intensity, wherein he starts out screaming, "Nothing exists!" (except \$7 cover charges). Both those shows are all ages. Copernicus will also perform Tuesday Jan. 18 at the Weathered Wall