

**Dennis Hysom** is an award-winning composer, songwriter, sound designer, musician and performer.

He composed and produced eight nature and instrumental albums for The Nature Company/Discovery Communications for which he field-recorded nature sounds on location in North and Central America. His nature ambiences and sound recordings were used throughout the feature-length film *Apocalypto*.

As a singer-songwriter, he writes and co-writes original songs and performs solo and with fellow musicians in a duo and larger group. In the country music category, he co-wrote songs for Capitol Nashville group The Jenkins, including “Blame It On Momma,” which hit #31 on the country charts.

As a writer and performer for children’s media, he co-created a character-based platform, five song albums, and an illustrated book with CD package. He performed on stage and in the feature-length video “The Wonderful World of the Wooleycat,” produced by Discovery Music/BMG. The video, songs, and book won a Telly Award, Film Advisory Board Award of Excellence, Parents’ Choice Gold Award, National Parenting Publications Gold Medal, National Parenting Center Seal of Approval, and BookSense Top Ten, among other awards. He performed at venues for families across the United States, including the Clinton White House Easter Egg Roll.

As an audio producer, he provides compelling audioguide sound design for museums and events around the world, including MoMA, SFMoMA, Guggenheim, FAMSF, Denver Art Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Alcatraz, Smithsonian, National Aerospace Museum, USS Midway, Discovery Communications and venues in Paris, Sydney, Milan and other cities. He is audio producer and sound designer for podcasts, including for The Jefferson Museum in Monticello. He produced audioguides for traveling exhibitions “Gold Of The Incas” in English, Spanish, French and Italian and “Ramses II” in English and Spanish. He edited the audiobook “Path Lit By Lightning,” a biography of James Thorpe, for Simon & Schuster, written by Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author David Maranis.

Dennis lives in Sonoma County, California. Samples of his singer-songwriter and country catalogs and of his composing, sound design, audio production and children’s media can be found on his website: [www.dennishysom.com](http://www.dennishysom.com)