

B-Side

Best of the Year

2006

Peter's Soothing Songs for a Turbulent Year

TOP FIVE
 Art Brut: Bang Bang Rock & Roll
 Eric Bachmann: To the Races
 Ane Brun: A Temporary Dive
 Belle & Sebastian: the Life Pursuit
 The Streets: the Hardest Way to Make an Easy Living

THE BEST
 the Be-Good Tanyas: Hello Love
 the Black Keys: Magic Potion
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy: the Letting Go
 Bottle Rockets: Zoysia
 Calexico: the Garden Ruin
 Califone: Roots & Crowns
 Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
 Centro-matic: Fort Recovery
 the Cush: New Appreciation for Sunshine
 Dead Meadow: s/t
 the Drams: Jubilee Drive
 Drive-By Truckers: A Blessing and a Curse
 IV Thieves: If We Can't Escape My Pretty
 Gob Iron: Death Songs for the Living
 Mountain Goats: Babyon Springs (EP)
 Mark Pickerele: Snake in the Radio
 the Sadies: Tales of the Rat Fink
 the Thermals: the Body, the Blood, the Machine
 Waterloo: Out of the Woods
 Neil Young: Living With War
 Neil Young: At the Fillmore 1970

SONGS
 "Another Sunny Day" Belle & Sebastian
 "Kickapoo" Tenacious D
 "My Little Brother Just Discovered Rock & Roll" Art Brut
 "The Night's Disguise" Rocky Votolato
 "Strange Desire" the Black Keys

SHOWS
 Art Brut @ Cabaret Metro (Chicago)
 Belle & Sebastian/New Pornographers @ Riverside (Milw)
 Calexico @ Pabst Theater (Milw)
 Drive-By Truckers @ Wolfrun Hall (Wolverhampton - UK)
 Touch & Go 25th Anniversary Fest @ Hideout (Chicago)
 ...and thanks again to Cathy Dethmers for the
 High Noon Saloon: the Friendliest Club in the World

DJ's Final Mix

Broadcast: the Future Crayon
 Juana Molina: Son
 Pigeon John: And the Summertime Pool Party
 Gotan Project: Lunatico
 J. Dilla: Donuts
 Lenine: s/t
 "Serious Times" (various current Jamaican artists)
 Lindsey Buckingham: Under the Skin
 The Year Of: Slow Days
 Paul Simon: Surprise
 Hugh Masekela: Chinsa years 1965-75
 Subtle: For Hero: For Fool
 Nightmares on Wax: In a Space Outta Sound
 Derek Trucks Band: Songlines
 Metheny/Mehidau
 Roots Tonic meets Bill Laswell
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy: the Letting Go
 CeU: s/t
 Doctor Alimantado: House of Singles
 "Life Goes in Circles" (sounds from Talent Corp. 1974-79)



Lindsay's Dozen

Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
 the Black Keys: Magic Potion
 Jeremy Enigk: World Waits
 Gossip: Standing in the Way of Control
 Peaches: Impeach My Bush
 TV on the Radio: Return to Cookie Mountain
 the Evens: Get Evens
 Houndrunner: s/t
 the Old Haunts: Fuel on Fire
 Gnarlis Barkley: St. Elsewhere
 Hank Williams III: Straight to Hell
 DVD: Neko Case "Live From Austin TX."
SHOWS
 Leslie & the Ly's @ Café Montmartre / HNS
 the Melvins @ HNS
 Gossip/Erase Errata @ the Annex
 Low @ HNS
 Wanda Jackson (!) @ HNS
 Gogol Bordello @ the Annex



Claire's Cuts

Art Brut: Bang Bang Rock & Roll
 Bettie Serveert: Bare Stripped Naked
 Bob Dylan: Modern Times
 Tom Waits: Orphans
 Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
 Calexico: Garden Ruin
 Beck: the Information
 Joanna Newsom: Ys
 Richard Buckner: Meadow
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy: the Letting Go
 Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass
 Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan: Ballad of the Broken Seas
 Isobel Campbell: Milkwhite Sheets
 Califone: Roots & Crowns
 TV on the Radio: Return to Cookie Mountain
 PJ Harvey: Peel Sessions
 Pavement: Wowie Zowie (deluxe edition)



A list by Kelly

the Dresden Dolls: Yes Virginia
 the Decemberists: the Crane Wife
 White Whale: WWI
 Calexico: Garden Ruin
 Camera Obscura: Let's Get Out of This Country
 Placebo: Meds
 Mates of State: Bring it Back
 the M's: Future Women
 Arab Strap: the Last Romance
 Beck: the Information

Dave's Soul Stirring Genre Mash

(with impertinent commentary when irrepressible)
 Tom Verlaine: Songs and Other Things on those wicked charms
 T-Bone Burnett: True False Identity
 Alejandro Escovedo: the Boxing Mirror up f/t count
 Jon Dee Graham: Full ...of guitar driven peans to desperation & emotional rescue
 Kaki King: Until We Felt Red queen of all things stringed & more
 Paul Simon: Surprise soundscapes courtesy Eno
 Jel: Soft Money & hard truths
 Jon Langford: Gold Brick ditto!
 Mogwai: Mr. Beast
 Gotan Project: Lunatico
 Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3: Ole! Tarantula
 Howe Gelb: 'Sno Angel Like You H.G.'s inimitable gospel plow
 50 Foot Wave: Free Music (EP) surf is...
 Squarewave: s/t transcendent
 Mark Knopfler & Emmylou Harris: All This Roadrunning plus "Live" CD/DVD
 Doubled up and delicious

Carrie Rodriguez: Seven Angels on a Bicycle
 Charlie Musselwhite: Delta Hardware
 Mare Edstrom: Keys to the Castle
 Sean Lennon: Friendly Fire ghosts, echoes & present sense
 All India Radio: Echo Other
 Dave Holland Quintet: Critical Mass & crucial jazz
 Tony Joe White: Uncovered source material for included guests, etc.
 Califone: Roots & Crowns
 Eleventh Dream Day: Zeros and Ones
 MaeRae: More Please...
 Gigi: Gold & Wax
 Bert Jansch: Black Swan
 Black Keys: Magic Potion undiluted and elemental
 Ennio Morricone: Crime & Dissonance E.M.'s most twisted tuneage comp. on Zorn's label
 Tanya Donelly: This Hungry Life
 Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
 Beck: the Information
 Andrew Hill: Time Lines
 Bob Dylan: Modern Times
 TV on the Radio: Return to Cookie Mountain
 Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your ASS after all these years it's
 WAYTOOEASY to take these folks & their x-trordinarily high aim for granted. BIG MISTAKE, that!
 Tom Verlaine: Around & back to the beginning, instrumentally.
 Too late for last year's list but multi-year & list-worthy hence inclusion here department:
 Paul McCartney: Chaos & Creation in the Backyard

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Steve's Gift Basket

SUPER SIX FOR '06

Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass
I am not afraid to say: this band RULES once again. Yeah, yeah...they always appear on my list...but haven't hit #1 in a while. Their strongest in 9 years...or maybe 20. A sprawling, multifaceted, face-melting epic.

Jenny Lewis w/ the Watson Twins: Rabbit Fur Coat A real head-turner. Lyrically powerful & cutting, taking on authority & faith & fakery, but wrapped in gorgeous folk-pop melodies. Hauntingly sung by Jenny and her soulful, gospel-styled Watson Twins. An artistic breakthrough.

Califone: Roots & Crowns This band's apparent kitchen-sink-and-more instrumentation was awe-inspiring on their debut 5 years ago. The next couple albums were enjoyable, but not as amazing as that first one. The boys have matched (topped?) that disc with this richly textured treat.

Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood One of the most effortlessly powerful singers of our time racks up another winner. If you're not familiar with this phenom, you owe it to yourself to take the plunge.

Squarewave: s/t Way back in the mid-eighties, there was a 'sconnie band called Ivory Library. They were my favorite "local" band for over a decade. Their last disc came out 11 years ago. Now Jeff & Pat are finally back with a new band, new disc, new inspiration. Lush, deluxe psych-pop.

the Cush: New Appreciation for Sunshine A favorite new discovery. Also on the lush psych-pop train, these thoughtful, creative Vermonters are fronted by a husband & wife team. With dashes of Americana, this disc can compare favorably w/ the best songs of the Mendoza Line or Sparklehorse. OTHER ALPHABETICALLY NOTEWORTHY NOTIONS

Asteroid #4: An Amazing Dream

Band Of Horses: Everything All the Time

Beck: the Information

Bedroom Walls: All Good Dreamers Pass This Way

Belle & Sebastian: the Life Pursuit

Bettie Serveert: Bare Stripped Naked

the Black Angels: Passover

the Black Keys: Magic Potion

Frank Black: Fast Man Raider Man

Bonnie "Prince" Billy: the Letting Go

Ane Brun: A Temporary Dive

Built To Spill: You In Reverse

Calexico: Garden Ruin

Isobel Campbell/Mark Lanegan: Ballad of the Broken Seas

Camera Obscura: Let's Get Out of This Country

Centro-matic: Fort Recovery

Ornette Coleman: Sound Grammar

Cordero: En Este Momento

Cougar: Law

Maryrose Crook: Ghosts of Our Vegas Lives

Ray Davies: Other People's Lives

the Decemberists: The Crane Wife

Tanya Donelly: This Hungry Life

Drowsy: Snow on Moss on Stone

El Perro Del Mar: s/t

Alejandro Escovedo: the Boxing Mirror

the Essex Green: Cannibal Sea

Extra Golden: OK-Oyot System

Evangelicals: So Gone

IV Thieves: If We Can't Escape My Pretty

50 Foot Wave: Free Music (ep)

Christine Fellows: Paper Anniversary

Howe Gelb: 'Sno Angel Like You

the Go-Betweens: That Striped Sunlight Sound (RIP Grant)

Golden Bear: s/t

Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3: Ole! Tarantula

Dave Holland Quintet: Critical Mass

Hylozoists: La Fin du Monde

Denise James: Promises

Kaki King: Until We Felt Red

Mark Knopfler/Emmylou Harris: All the Roadrunning

Jon Langford: Gold Brick

Robbie Lee: Sleep, Memory

Loose Fur: Born Again in the USA

Los Lobos: the Town and the City

MaeRae: More Please...

Magnolia Summer: From Driveways' Lost View

Margot & the Nuclear So & So's: The Dust of Retreat

Mates Of State: Bring it Back

Myra Melford: Be Bread

Pat Metheny & Brad Mehldau: Metheny/Mehldau

the Minders: It's a Bright Guilty World

Mojave 3: Puzzles Like You

Joanna Newsom: Ys

Jim Noir: Tower of Love

Jennifer O'Connor: Over the Mountain, Across the...

Beth Orton: Comfort of Strangers

Pernice Brothers: Live a Little

Tom Petty: Highway Companion

Mark Pickerel: Snake in the Radio

Pink Mountaintops: Axis of Evol

the Poems: Young America

Robert Pollard: Normal Happiness/...Compound Eye

Portastatic: Be Still Please

Quasi: When the Going Gets Dark

Megan Reilly: Let Your Ghost Go

Brisa Roche: the Chase

the Sadies: In Concert vol.1

Say Hi to Your Mom: Impeccable Blahs

Snowglobe: Oxytocin

Sonic Youth: Rather Ripped

Sparklehorse: Dreamt For Light Years in the Belly...

Starlight Mints: Drowaton

Kelly Stoltz: Below the Branches

TV on the Radio: Return to Cookie Mountain

Tom Verlaine: Songs and Other Things / Around

Viva Voce: Get Yr Blood Sucked Out

M. Ward: Post-War

Waterloo: Out of the Woods

White Whale: WWI

Neil Young: Living With War

B-SIDE BEST OF THE YEAR 2006

Shows 2006 (chronological order) :

the Dials/Scream'n' Cyn Cyn/Brief Candles/His & Her Vanities @ HNS
Drunk Drivers/Shakey/MaeRae (Petefest) @ High Noon Saloon (HNS)
Chris Mills trio/Charlemagne duo @ Chateau Kiki
Richard Buckner + Doug Gillard @ Café Montmartre
Jim White/the Handsome Family @ Stage Door
Undertow Orchestra (Bazan/Eitzel/Johnson/Chesnutt) @ Stage Door
the New Pornographers/Matt Pond PA/Dios (malos) @ the Barrymore
the M's @ Union Ratskellar
Nada Surf/Rogue Wave @ the Annex
Ray Davies (!) @ the Barrymore
Edith Frost + Zincs @ Café Montmartre
Centro-matic/Great Lake Swimmers @ King Club
Josh Rouse @ Stage Door
Low @ HNS
Silver Jews/Why? @ HNS
Robbie Fulks @ Harmony Bar
Rhett Miller @ the Barrymore
the New Pornographers/Archer Prewitt @ HNS
Aaron Scholz + Forever Changes trio (!) @ Mickey's
Graham Lindsey/Ben Weaver/Charlemagne @ Café Montmartre
WORT Block Party!
Tapes 'n' Tapes @ the Annex
Bill Frisell Quartet @ the Barrymore
Marquette Waterfront Fest!
Rogue Wave @ the Annex
BellRays/the Dials @ HNS
Aimee Mann/Chris Mills @ the Barrymore
Beth Orton @ the Barrymore
Ween @ the Orpheum
Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers/Dandy Warhols @ the Alliant
Built To Spill @ the Barrymore
Willy Street Fair!
Joel Paterson Blues Roundup (!) @ the Overture lobby
Heavy Trash + the Sadies @ HNS
Luciana Souza + L.A. Guitar Quartet @ Capitol Theater
Mojave 3/Tim O'Reagan @ HNS
Frank Black @ HNS
Alejandro Escovedo/Robbie Fulks (!/!) @ HNS
Pernice Brothers/Elvis Perkins @ HNS
Chris Smither @ the Overture lobby
Wilco @ the Barrymore

...last, not least...all the FUN shows by local artists:
Charlemagne...New Recruits...His & Her Vanities...Shakey...MaeRae...
the Shrunken Heads...Primordial Soup...Aaron Scholz...the Runners Up...
Gripewater...Sleeping in the Aviary...Houses in Motion...the Gomers

Alex Adores 2006

FAVORITES (ordered)

Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
Mojave 3: Puzzles Like You
Jenny Lewis with the Watson Twins: Rabbit Fur Coat
HONORABLE MENTIONS (random)
Pink Mountaintops: Axis of Evol
Jose Gonzalez: Veneer
Ladyhawk: s/t
Tortoise & Bonnie "Prince" Billy: The Brave and the Bold
Regina Spektor: Begin to Hope
Quasi: When the Going Gets Dark

OTHER ALBUMS (random)

Joanna Newsom: Ys
PJ Harvey: the Peel Sessions
Built to Spill: You in Reverse
the Essex Green: Cannibal Sea
the Strokes: First Impressions of Earth
Belle and Sebastian: the Life Pursuit
Denise James: Promises
Cat Power: the Greatest
Gossip: Standing in the Way of Control
Destroyer: Destroyer's Rubies
Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan: Ballad of the Broken Seas
Kelly Stoltz: Below the Branches
Megan Reilly: Let Your Ghost Go
Silver Jews: Tanglewood Numbers
the Sadies: In Concert vol. 1
TV on the Radio: Return to Cookie Mountain
Matmos: The Rose Has Teeth in the Mouth of the Beast
Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass
Pernice Brothers: Live a Little
M. Ward: Post-War
Nina Nastasia: On Leaving
the Black Keys: Magic Potion
Bonnie "Prince" Billy: The Letting Go
Richard Buckner: Meadow
Jennifer O'Connor: Over the Mountain, Across the Valley...
Mates of State: Bring It Back
Jim Noir: Tower of Love
Magnolia Electric Company: Fading Trails
Band of Horses: Everything All the Time
Deitrich Gosser: City of Windows
Kaki King: Until We Felt Red
Sonic Youth: Rather Ripped
Tapes 'n' Tapes: the Loon
Rocky Votolato: Makers
Sean Lennon: Friendly Fire
Robert Pollard: From a Compound Eye/Normal Happiness
Ane Brun: A Temporary Dive
the Decemberists: the Crane Wife
Bettie Serveert: Bare Stripped Naked
Graham Lindsey: the Wasteland
the Mountain Goats: Get Lonely
Camera Obscura: Let's Get Out of This Country
Hustle & Flow: soundtrack
50 Foot Wave: Free Music (EP)
Liz Durrett: the Mezzanine
Dinosaur Jr.: Green Mind (reissue)
Cordero: En Este Momento
Tarkio: Omnibus (reissue)
Laura Veirs: Troubled by the Fire/ the Triumphs & Travails of Orphan Mae
MaeRae: More Please...
the Black Angels: Passover
Neil Young: Living With War

SHOWS & STUFF (random)

His & Her Vanities/the Dials @ HNS
Petefest
Richard Buckner/Doug Gillard @ Café Montmartre
Rogue Wave @ the Annex
South by Southwest
High Noon Saloon and staff
John Cougar Mellencamp @ the LaCrosse Center
Beyonce
the Strokes/Eagles of Death Metal @ the Rave
Happyyoke
Hustle & Flow
"I'm a Widow" by Robert Pollard
Low @ HNS
Built to Spill @ the Barrymore
Tapes 'n' Tapes @ the Annex
Shakey
the Shrunken Heads @ Waterfront Festival
bandmates (past and present)
Laura Veirs @ SXSW
Goblin Cock @ SXSW
Flatstock @ SXSW
"Crawl" by the Arge
the Arge
"Neko Case Live From Austin, TX" DVD
MaeRae/My Nightclub Act/Judge Pete Friendly @ the Slipper Club

the Super Eights (RIP)
Okkervil River/Shazy Hade @ HNS
"Bringin' Sexy Back" by JT
Magnolia Electric Company @ HNS
the Sadies @ HNS
Mojave 3 @ HNS
Aaron Scholz & Forever Changes trio @ Mickey's
Lady Miss Kier @ Brittingham Park
Dearest @ HNS
Lulabelle
Aunt Goodness



B-SIDE ALUMNI PAGE

THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED HERE...

Colleen's Epileptic Fav's

Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan: *Ballad of the Broken Seas*
Breathy light vocals coupled w/ Lanegan's smoky grit make for a swell combination reminiscent of Nancy Sinatra & Lee Hazelwood. I'll quit smokin' when Lanegan does, doubt that's any time soon.

Thom Yorke: *the Eraser* *Some of the bass tracks on here remind me of ol' Derrick McBride's style. Thom doesn't disappoint. I'm your lap dog.*

Squarewave: *s/t* *Cheers to our hometown boys for brooding melodies. Think Echo meets Big Star & Radiohead in the Dairy State! Nicely done.*

Hank Williams III: *Straight to Hell* *Get f*cked up and give it a whirl. Grandad is smiling from the great beyond.*

William Elliot Whitmore: *Song of the Blackbird*

Vetiver: *To Find Me Gone*

Bonnie "Prince" Billy: *the Letting Go*

Richard Buckner: *Meadow*

Gaelic Storm: *Bring Yer Wellies*

FAV REISSUES

Jesus & Mary Chain: *Psychocandy*

Dinosaur Jr.: *(most everything)*

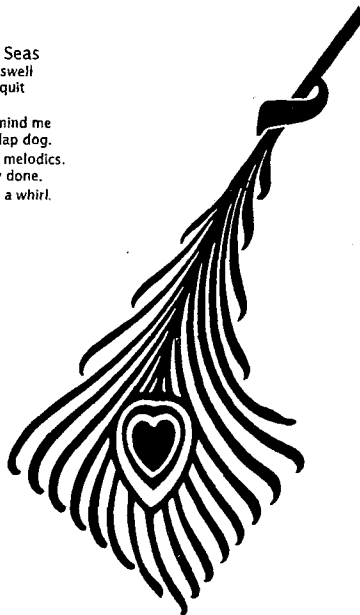
Gram Parsons: *the Complete Reprise Sessions*

the Stranglers: *the Very Best of*

DVD

PJ Harvey: *On Tour: Please Leave Quietly*

* music isn't the background noise, life is.



From the Desk of Derrick

I'm still trying to get over the fact that Black Sabbath changed their name to Wolfmother. Why would they do that? Whole new set of fans I guess. Anyway, El Perro Del Mar "El Perro Del Mar" is at the top of my list. It's sort of a work of art really. It starts off very small and minimal, and as the tracks go on they build to more of what she is & has to offer as an artist. Does that make sense? In any case, it's a full album. With a concept; that has a beginning, a middle, and an end that lasts only about a half hour. Beat that!

Brookville "Life in the Shade" is another one I listen to from beginning 'til end. It's just a perfect "album". And although it sounds all "New York" gloss, it reminds me a lot of Pink Floyd.

The Pernice Brothers "Live a Little". What can I say, as long as the Pernice Brothers put out something, it'll be on my list.

The Postmarks "The Postmarks". I just heard this a few days ago, and it's so beautiful, I had to include it. Female vocals, sorta like Ivy 'cept with lots of strings. You can get it at unfilteredrecords.com, and probably listen to it a bit. You really should try to hear it. It's wonderful!

Josef K "Entomology". I haven't thought about Josef K in ages! They were way cooler than Gang of Four. Maybe not, but at least if you never heard of them you guess what they sorta sound like.

Robin Guthrie "Continental". Remember that "Mysterious Skin" soundtrack from him last year? This is just as atmospheric, just as minimal & just as dark & lovely. And finally, I just heard this "low rider" oldies tune called "All I Do Is Cry"...it's by the Playboys! Go talk to Rockin' John, he'll find it for you!

Elise's top fifteen of 2006

Silversun Pickups: *Carnavas*

Band of Horses: *Everything All the Time*

+/- (Plus/Minus): *Let's Build a Fire*

the Concretes: *In Colour*

Mates of State: *Bring it Back*

the Cold War Kids: *Robbers & Cowards*

Camera Obscura: *Let's Get Out of This Country*

Islands: *Return to the Sea*

Iko: *I Am Zero*

the Radio Dept.: *Pet Grief*

South: *Adventures in the Underground*

Journey to the Stars

the Receiver: *Decades*

the Hidden Cameras: *Awoo*

Say Hi to Your Mom: *Impeccable Blahs*

M. Ward: *Post-War*

(Elise is Music Director of "Indie Pop Rocks")

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Ellen's Top 9

Ambulance Ltd.: *New English LP*

Babysambles: *Down in Albion*

Band of Horses: *Everything All the Time*

Dirty Pretty Things: *Waterloo to Anywhere*

the Hold Steady: *Boys and Girls in America*

Juana Molina: *Son*

Lily Allen: *Alright Still*

Mickey Avalon: *s/t*

Tapes 'n Tapes: *the Loon*

Phoebe's Best of 2006

Brazilian Girls: *Talk to la Bomb*

Califone: *Roots & Crowns*

Fiery Furnaces: *Bitter Tea*

Bonnie "Prince" Billy: *The Letting Go*

Cat Power: *the Greatest*

Islands: *Return to the Sea*

Calexico: *Garden Ruin*

Cut Chemist: *The Audience's Listening*

Matisyahu: *Youth*

Beck: *the Information*

the Handsome Family: *Last Days of Wonder*

Sparklehorse: *Dreamt for Light Years in the Belly*

Mojave 3: *Puzzles Like You*

Regina Spektor: *Begin to Hope*

Camera Obscura: *Let's Get Out of This Country*

Belle & Sebastian: *the Life Pursuit*

Neko Case: *Fox Confessor Brings the Flood*

Cold War Kids: *Robbers & Cowards*

REISSUE

Leonard Cohen: *the Essential*

Ralph's Five Faves...and more

Radio Birdman: *Zewo Beach*

Tom Verlaine: *Songs and Other Things*

Los Lobos: *the Town and the City*

Yo La Tengo: *I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass*

Tom Russell: *Love & Fear*

BEST OF THE BEST

Beck: *the Information*

T-Bone Burnett: *the True False Identity*

Calexico: *Garden Ruin*

Bob Dylan: *Modern Times*

Alejandro Escovedo: *the Boxing Mirror*

Jon Langford: *Gold Brick*

Pernice Brothers: *Live a Little*

Bruce Springsteen: *We Shall Overcome*

Natacha Atlas: *Mish Madul*

LOCAL

El Clan Destino: *Rukus*

SHOW OF THE YEAR

Touch & Go 25th Anniversary Weekend (Chi.)

In 2006 the ladies rise to the top for Lesley

With some graceful returns and stellar re-issues, the Voices most memorable and promising for me have been...

Joanna Newsom: *Ys*

Josephine Foster: *Ein Wolf Im Schafpelz / A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing*

Cat Power: *the Greatest*

Karen Dalton: *In My Own Time* (reissue)

Beach House: *s/t*

Yo La Tengo: *I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass*

Beirut: *Gulag Orkestra*

Sonic Youth: *Rather Ripped*

Bonnie "Prince" Billy: *the Letting Go*

Sibylle Baier: *Color Green*

Neil Young: *Living With War*

Bert Jansch: *the Black Swan*

Edith Frost: *It's a Game*

El Perro Del Mar: *s/t*

Red Krayola: *Introduction*

Belle & Sebastian: *the Life Pursuit*

REISSUES/COMPS

John Phillips: *John 'the Wolfking of LA'*

David Crosby: *If I Could Only Remember My Name*

Milton Nascimento: *Milagre dos Peixes*

the Replacements: *Don't You Know Who I Think I Was? - The Best of the Replacements*

Moondog: *Viking of Sixth Ave.*

Robbie Basho: *Venus in Cancer*

Arthur Russell: *Another Thought*

Bill Fay Group: *Tomorrow Tomorrow & Tomorrow*

John Jacob Niles: *I Wander as I Wander - Carols & Love Songs*

Frank's Cranks for '06

random order - mostly

Pernice Brothers: *Live a Little* *Great hooks & melodies, clever & intelligent lyrics. Doesn't get much better than this! A real gem for '06!*

Cat Power: *the Greatest*

Josh Rouse: *Subtitulo*

Mojave 3: *Puzzles Like You*

the Church: *Uninvited Like the Clouds*

Camera Obscura: *Let's Get Out of This Country*

Belle & Sebastian: *the Life Pursuit*

Alejandro Escovedo: *the Boxing Mirror*

the Decemberists: *the Crane Wife*

Squarewave: *s/t*

The Mountain Goats: *Get Lonely*

Tom Verlaine: *Songs and Other Things*

Ray Davies: *Other People's Lives*

Mogwai: *Mr. Beast*

Wolfmother: *s/t*

Ouja Radio: *Oh No...Yes! Yes!*

SHOWS

Josh Rouse @ the Orpheum

Pernice Brothers @ HNS

the Church @ Shank Hall (Milw.)

Heavy Trash w/ the Sadies @ HNS

Mojave 3 @ HNS

Charlemagne @ Marquette Waterfront Fest

Crustacean Records Showcases @ HNS

For Gary: thanks for sharing all the music, the CD/record buying splurges, the Kinks, Mott, the Stranglers, the Fall, T.Rex, the Stones, Viva Las Vegas and 'hard knocks & dirty socks'. Rest in peace, my friend.

B-SIDE

NEW, CLASSIC & UNCOMMON MUSIC
436 STATE ST. ~ MADISON

Jimmy's Jukebox 2006

POP YOUR TOP

Morrissey: Ringleader of the Tormenters
 Pernice Brothers: Live a Little
 Band of Horses: Everything All the Time
 Belle & Sebastian: the Life Pursuit
 Arctic Monkeys: Whatever You Say I Am...
 Jon Auer: Songs From the Year of Our Demise
 Midlake: Trials of Van Occupanther
 Lindsey Buckingham: Under the Sun

MANY SPINS

Sparklehorse: Dreamt for Light Years
 Babyshambles: Down in Albion
 Built to Spill: You in Reverse
 Art Brut: Bang Bang Rock & Roll
 Twilight Singers: Powder Burns
 Neil Young: Living With War
 Editors: Back Room
 Bruce Springsteen: Seeger Sessions
 Mojave 3: Puzzles Like You
 the Raconteurs: Broken Boy Soldiers
 Sonic Youth: Rather Ripped
 Tom Verlaine: Songs and Other Things
 Jim Noir: Tower of Love
 My Morning Jacket: Okonokos
 IV Thieves: If We Can't Escape, My Pretty
 the Lemonheads: s/t
 M. Ward: Post-War
 the Kooks: Inside In, Inside Out
 Squarewave: s/t
 Grant Lee Phillips: nineteen eighties
 Archie Bronson Outfit: Derang Derang
 Futureheads: News and Tributes
 Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
 Kelly Stoltz: Below the Branches
 Dirty Pretty Things: Waterloo to Anywhere
 Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass
 Steve Wynn & the Miracle 3: tick...tick...tick
 Cat Power: the Greatest
 Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan: Ballad of the Broken Seas
 James Dean Bradfield: the Great Western
 the Dears: Gang of Losers
 Mates of State: Bring it Back
 Beth Orton: Comfort of Strangers
 Eleventh Dream Day: Zeroes and Ones

REISSUES

the Triffids: Born Sandy Devotional (lost classic you need)
 Lou Reed: Coney Island Baby
 the Jam: All Mod Cons (deluxe edition)
 the Glove: Blue Sunshine
 Mott the Hoople: All the Young Dudes / Mott
 the Jesus and Mary Chain: Psychocandy
 the Au Pairs: Stepping out of Line: the Anthology
 John Cale: Paris 1919 (deluxe edition)

LIVE

Morrissey @ Aragon (Chicago)
 Mark Kozelek @ Stage Door
 Undertow Orchestra @ Stage Door
 Pernice Brothers @ HNS
 Tom Verlaine @ the Double Door (Chicago)
 Oasis @ Riverside (Milwaukee)
 Built to Spill @ the Barrymore
 Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers @ the Alliant
 Rogue Wave @ the Annex

Jules' Precious Stones

THE TOP THREE GEMS

Ray Davies: Other People's Lives This is musical manna from heaven. 2006 was a very good year for fans of Mr. Davies (those in attendance at the Barrymore can attest).

Denise James: Promises Mainstream radio would have embraced this 40 years ago. Oh dear...it's 2006. What was I thinking? Think gorgeous pop with more hooks than a bait shop. Barbara Manning's long lost cousin?

IV Thieves: If We Can't Escape, My Pretty Nic Armstrong & the Thieves' "The Greatest White Liar" was my fave of 2005. So...this follow-up didn't connect for me initially; it might have been the third spin that did it. I'm hooked...now I can't stop playing it...just like the last one.

Pernice Brothers: Live a Little

the Sadies: In Concert vol. 1

Belle & Sebastian: the Life Pursuit

Jim Noir: Tower of Love

Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3: Ole! Tarantula

Graham Coxon: Love Travels at Illegal Speeds

the Raconteurs: Broken Boy Soldiers

East River Pipe: What Are You On?

Tom Petty: Highway Companion

Tom Verlaine: Songs and Other Things / Around

Lindsey Buckingham: Under the Skin

Ane Brun: A Temporary Dive

Band of Horses: Everything All the Time

Califone: Roots & Crowns

Bert Jansch: the Black Swan

BellRays: Have a Little Faith

Neko Case: Fox Confessor Brings the Flood

Built to Spill: You in Reverse

Rogues Gallery (various): Pirate Ballads, Sea Songs and Chanteys

Mark Fosson: the Lost Takoma Sessions

M. Ward: Post-War

Yo La Tengo: I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass

Sonic Youth: Rather Ripped

Midlake: The Trials of Van Occupanther

Neil Young: Living With War / Live at the Fillmore East 1970

B-SIDE BEST OF THE YEAR 2006



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Company Store For This Year

NEW RELEASES (in no order)

Mudhoney: Under a Billion Suns
 Silver Jews: Tanglewood Numbers
 Richard Buckner: Meadow
 Nina Nastasia: On Leaving
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy: the Letting Go
 Tara Jane O'Neil: In Circles
 Black Heart Procession: the Spell
 Caalexico: Garden Ruin
 Faghat: the Future is Coming
 Bruce Springsteen: The Seeger Sessions
 Mojave 3: Puzzles Like You
 50 Foot Wave: Free Music (EP)
 MaeRae: More, Please
 Joanna Newsom: Ys
 Shazy Hade: s/t
 Neil Young: Living With War
 SOME REISSUES I GOT
 Pavement: Wowie Zowie (deluxe edition)
 Killdozer: 12 Point Buck
 Billy Bragg: Don't Try This at Home
 SOME SHOWS I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER
 Silver Jews @ HNS
 Richard Buckner @ Café Montmartre
 Robbie Fulks @ the Waterfront Fest
 Graham Lindsey/Ben Weaver/Charlemagne @ Café Montmartre
 MaeRae (CD release) @ the Slipper Club (RIP)
 Shakey followed by No River City @ HNS
 Touch & Go/Hideout Fest (Chicago)
 (Thank Goodness for Killdozer)
 Mojave 3 @ HNS
 Faghat (CD release) @ the Inferno
 Melvins @ HNS

Our Favorite Things...We Concur on These:

Nine people voted for EACH of the following, forcing a "TIE" for "FIRST PLACE":

Bonnie "Prince" Billy...Neko Case

And a double-up again, with eight votes each, a second place tie:

Belle & Sebastian...Yo La Tengo

Third place was split four ways, at seven votes each:

Caalexico...Pernice Brothers

Tom Verlaine...Neil Young

Five artists share fourth place, with six votes each:

Band of Horses...Beck...Califone

Camera Obscura...Mojave 3

This batch garnered an admirable five votes each:

The Black Keys...Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan

Cat Power...Mates of State...Joanna Newsom

Sonic Youth...Squarewave...TV on the Radio...M. Ward

Four votes > still a thing of beauty:

Ane Brun...Richard Buckner...Built to Spill...the Decemберists...Alejandro

Escovedo...IV Thieves...50 Foot Wave...MaeRae...Jim Noir...the Sadies

Three votes are enough to get a mention here:

Art Brut...Bettie Serveert...Lindsey Buckingham...Ray Davies...Bob Dylan

El Perro Del Mar...Robyn Hitchcock...Denise James...Bert Jansch...Kaki King

Jon Langford...the Mountain Goats...Sparklehorse...Bruce Springsteen...Kelly Stoltz

Notice: this publication is simply a gathering of personal opinions from the employees of our little shop known as B-Side Compact Discs, along with several former employees, plus one invited guest.

As always, we did not discuss our voting intentions amongst ourselves, in order to keep the list as personalized as possible. Mainly, we enjoy sharing what we love to listen to, hoping our suggestions might inspire you to check out some of these fine artists. Who knows, maybe you'll even consider purchasing a CD or three at your favorite local independent music shop. Anything's possible.

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