

# B-Side

## Best of the Year 2008

2008 is Great by Alex (in random order)

- Duffy - *Rockferry*
- She & Him - *Volume One*
- Radiohead - *In Rainbows*
- Wye Oak - *If Children*
- The Broken West - *Now or Heaven*
- Portishead - *Third*
- Fleet Foxes - *s/t*
- Beck - *Modern Guilt*
- Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Lie Down in the Light*
- Flight of the Conchords - *s/t*
- Mogwai - *The Hawk is Howling*
- Blitzen Trapper - *Furr*
- Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*
- Belle & Sebastian - *The BBC Sessions*
- Damien Jurado - *Caught in the Trees*
- Jenny Lewis - *Acid Tongue*
- Ladyhawk - *Shots*
- The Kills - *Midnight Boom*
- Albert Hammond Jr. - *Como Te Llama?*
- The Raconteurs - *Consolers of the Lonely*
- Black Mountain - *In the Future*
- The Black Angels - *Directions to See a Ghost*
- Calexico - *Carried to Dust*
- Colin Meloy - *Colin Meloy Sings Live!*
- Kelley Stoltz - *Circular Sounds*
- Cat Power - *Jukebox*
- Sera Cahoone - *Only As the Day Is Long*
- The Pretenders - *Break Up the Concrete*
- Thao with the Get Down Stay Down - *We Brave Bee Stings and All*
- Dengue Fever - *Venus on Earth*
- Little Joy - *s/t*
- The Dials - *Amoeba Amore*
- Whatfor - *Sooner Late Than Never*
- Ida - *Lovers Prayers*
- Mates of State - *Re-Arrange Us*

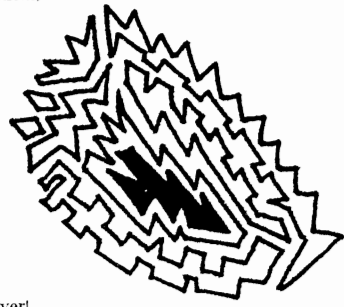
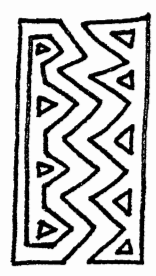


ALL SHOWS FEATURING:  
the Midwest Beat, the Low Czars, the Arge, the Hussy...

Ralph's 15

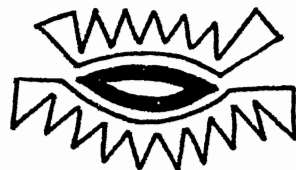
BEST:

- Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*
  - Calexico - *Carried to Dust*
  - Lucinda Williams - *Little Honey*
  - I'm Not There* - Soundtrack
  - Alejandro Escovedo - *Real Animal*
- THE REST:
- Paul Weller - *22 Dreams*
  - James McMurtry - *Just Us Kids*
  - Black Angels - *Directions to See a Ghost*
  - Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*
  - Al Green - *Lay It Down*
  - Ray Davies - *Working Man's Cafe*
  - Wire - *Object 47*
  - Fleet Foxes - *s/t*
  - Tindersticks - *The Hungry Saw*
  - Appliances-SFB - *s/t (reissue)*



Kelley's Newest List Ever!

- Atmosphere - *When Life Gives You Lemons You Paint That Shit Gold*
- Saul Williams - *The Inevitable Rise and Liberation of Niggy Tardust*
- Clinic - *Do It!*
- Tapes 'n Tapes - *Walk It Off*
- Foals - *Antidotes*
- Mates of State - *Rearrange Us*
- David Bowie - *Live in Santa Monica '72*
- Dr. Dog - *Fate*
- Yael Naim - *s/t*
- The Dandy Warhols - *Earth to the Dandy Warhols*
- Juno* - soundtrack



Dave's Preferred Stock (rock/pop unless parenthesized)

- James McMurtry - *Just Us Kids*
  - Carl Sonny Leyland meets the Joel Paterson Trio - *A Chicago Session (blues/local)*
  - Dub Trio - *Another Sound is Dying*
  - Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*
  - Sam Phillips - *Don't Do Anything*
  - Kathleen Edwards - *Asking For Flowers*
  - Sunshine for the Blind - *See the River Rise (local)*
  - Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*
  - Sonny Landreth - *From the Reach (blues)*
  - Randy Newman - *Harps and Angels*
  - Alejandro Escovedo - *Real Animal*
  - Notwist - *The Devil, You & Me*
  - Tony Joe White - *Deep Cuts (blues)*
  - Sonantes - *s/t (brazil)*
  - Punch Brothers - *Punch (folk)*
  - Pieranunzi/Johnson/Baron - *Like Never Before (jazz)*
  - Ry Cooder - *I, Flathead*
  - Dave Holland Sextet - *Pass it On (jazz)*
  - Kaki King - *Dreaming of Revenge (folk)*
  - Joel Paterson - *Steel is Real (local)*
  - Dungen - *4*
  - Spindrift - *The West*
  - Justin Adams & Juldeh Camera - *Soul Science (african)*
  - New Mississippi All Stars - *Hernando*
  - Jennifer O'Connor - *Here With Me*
  - DJ Cheb i Sabbah - *Devotion (int'l)*
  - Jack Bruce & Robin Trower - *7 Moons*
  - The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*
  - Turkish Cafe Music* - various artists (int'l)
  - David Byrne/Brian Eno - *Everything That Happens Will Happen Today*
  - Lindsay Buckingham - *Gift of Screws*
  - Wire - *Object 47*
  - Basia Bulat - *Oh, My Darling*
  - Beck - *Modern Guilt*
- FORWARD INTO THE PAST:
- Robyn Hitchcock & the Egyptians - *Luminous Groove*
  - Tom Verlaine - *Dreamtime*
  - Creedence Clearwater Revival - *(first five albums)*
  - Appliances-SFB - *SFB (local)*
  - Bob Dylan - *Tell Tale Signs - Bootleg Series Vol. 8*

**B-Side Records**  
New, Classic & Uncommon  
436 State - Madison

## Steve's Distractions (Top 5 + many worthy contenders)

The Trolleyvox *Your Secret Safe/Luzerne* This is a bit of a cheat, as this double album came out in 2007, but I wasn't aware until early 2008. My most played album in '08 deserves some belated props I am hooked: Beth's vocals with Andrew's stellar songwriting that (at times) recall The Kinks, The Who, & The Beatles, etc. around '65-'67, just for a start. Lyrically intriguing, musically fascinating. One disc is power pop/rock & the other is "unplugged" intimacy & instrumentals. Both richly reward repeat listens.

Alejandro Escovedo - *Real Animal* The great Texas songster returns with a blazing set depicting his personal & musical legacy. Co-written by his pal & co-star Chuck Prophet, produced by the legendary Tony Visconti (Bowie/Thin Lizzy/T. Rex). This rollicking and vivacious disc ranks up there with his very best. Ample evidence was provided by the recent visit of his quartet to the High Noon Saloon.

Wye Oak - *If Children* The dynamic duo of Jenn and Andy captivated me right off. Forgive the cliché mash-up comparison, but this is sort of like if Cat Power went hunting for Fruit Bats at ol' Granddaddy's farm. It all adds up to an impressive debut. Sounds like a full band, but is just the duo with some overblubs. Another Merge Records winner. I am still kicking myself for missing their Madison show.

Ray Davies *Working Man's Cafe* The Kinks' main man refuses to fade away quietly (thankfully) as he continues to write and sing NEW classic songs 45 years after starting on this path. Topical yet timeless tunes by a songwriter who deserves so much more than the "also-ran old-guy" status he has been unfairly stuck with lately... Ray still has the fire & the desire, and you should give him some time

She & Him *Volume One* These two were lucky to find each other. Zoey Deschanel & M. Ward play to each other's strengths... Zoey wrote some tart mid-'60s-style pop tunes and Matt was willing to flesh them out with shny arrangements and accompaniment. 10 relationship songs (+ 2 covers) that should stand the test of time. Some may dismiss this as lightweight, but it has real resonance: she has great pipes. & is a fine songwriter. Their Barrymore Theatre show proved that this duo is the real deal.

The Asteroid #4 *These Flowers of Ours*  
 The Avett Brothers - *The Gleam II*  
 Kevin Ayers *Unfairground*  
 Eef Barzelay - *Lose Big*  
 Beck - *Modern Guilt*  
 The Black Angels - *Directions to See a Ghost*  
 The Black Hollies - *Casting Shadows*  
 The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*  
 Black Mountain - *In the Future*  
 Blitzen Trapper - *Furr*  
 Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Lie Down in the Light*  
 Buffalo Killers - *Let It Ride*  
 Sera Cahoone - *Only As the Day Is Long*  
 Calexico - *Carried to Dust*  
 The Capstan Shafts - *Fixation Protocols*  
 Hayes Carll - *Trouble in Mind*

Cat Power - *Jukebox*  
 Conrad Ford - *Secret Army*  
 Cordero - *De Donde Eres*  
 Elvis Costello - *Momofuku*  
 Crooked Fingers - *Forfeit/Fortune*  
 Rodney Crowell - *Sex & Gasoline*  
 Darker My Love - 2  
 Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*  
 The Dials - *Amoeba Amore*  
 Dr. Dog - *Fate*  
 Drive-By Truckers - *Brighter Than Creation's Dark*  
 Duffy - *Rockferry*  
 Dungen - 4  
 The Felice Brothers - *s/t*  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t*  
 Flight of the Conchords - *s/t*  
 Foxboro Hot Tubs - *Stop Drop & Roll*  
 Giant Sand - *Provisions*  
 Gnarl Barkley - *The Odd Couple*  
 Grand Archives - *s/t*  
 Juliana Hatfield - *How To Walk Away*  
 The Hold Steady - *Stay Positive*  
 Howlin' Rain - *Magnificent Friend*  
 Ida - *Lovers Prayers*  
 KatJon Band - *s/t*  
 Lambchop - *OH (Ohio)*  
 Langhorne Slim - *s/t*  
 The Last Shadow Puppets - *The Age of Understatement*  
 Jenny Lewis - *Acid Tongue*

Gary Louris - *Vagabonds*  
 Magnetic Fields - *Distortion*  
 Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*  
 Jessica Lea Mayfield - *With Blasphemy So Heartfelt*  
 Del McCoury - *Moneyland*  
 James McMurtry - *Just Us Kids*  
 Chris Mills - *Living in the Aftermath*  
 Mountain Goats - *Heretic Pride*  
 Mudcrutch - *s/t*  
 Willie Nelson & Wynnton Marsalis - *Two Men with the Blues*  
 Randy Newman - *Harp & Angels*  
 Notwist - *The Devil, You & Me*

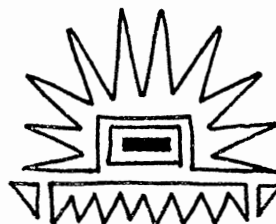
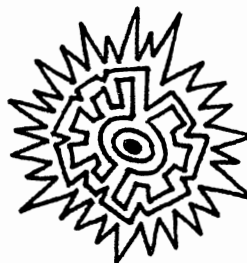
Jennifer O'Connor *Here With Me*  
 Okkervil River *The Stand Ins*  
 Old 97's - *Blame it on Gravity*  
 Sam Phillips - *Don't Do Anything*  
 Mark Pickereel *Cody's Dream*  
 The Pretenders - *Break Up the Concrete*  
 The Raconteurs - *Consolers of the Lonely*  
 Jay Reatard - *Matador Singles '08*  
 REM - *Accelerate*  
 Rodriguez - *Cold Fact* (unearthed gem from 1970)  
 The Runners-Up - *s/t (local)*  
 The Sea & Cake - *Car Alarm*  
 Sonantes - *s/t*  
 Spindrift - *The West*  
 Mavis Staples - *Live: Hope at The Hideout*  
 Kelley Stoltz - *Circular Sounds*  
 Sun Kil Moon - *April*  
 13 Ghosts - *The Strangest Colored Lights*  
 The Telepathic Butterflies - *Breakfast in Suburbia*  
 Thao - *We Brave Bee Stings and All*  
 TV on the Radio - *Dear Science*  
 Ben Weaver - *The Axe in the Oak*  
 Paul Weller - *22 Dreams*  
 Whatfor - *Sooner Late Than Never (local)*  
 The Whatsundays - *s/t*  
 Lucinda Williams - *Little Honey*  
 Steve Wynn - *Crossing Dragon Bridge*

Shows 2008  
 (chronological order)  
 Jim Schwall Band w/ Andy Ewen @ the Harmony  
 Luca @ Kiki's House of Righteous Music  
 Black Lips @ Madcity Music X  
 Steve Earle/Alison Moorer @ the Barrymore  
 The Gutter Twins/Great Northern @ High Noon  
 X @ the Barrymore  
 Black Mountain/Birds of Avalon @ High Noon  
 Gary Louris/Mekons @ the Barrymore  
 Mark Pickereel/Horse in Motion @ Kiki's  
 Robin Trower @ the Barrymore  
 Tift Merritt @ High Noon Saloon  
 Cloud Cult/American Music Club @ High Noon  
 New Pornographers/Okkervil River @ the Orpheum  
 The Kids in the Hall @ the Barrymore  
 Dead Meadow @ High Noon Saloon  
 Dirtbombs @ High Noon Saloon  
 The Avett Brothers @ High Noon Saloon  
 James McMurtry @ High Noon Saloon  
 Black Angels/Warlocks @ the Annex  
 Robbie Fulks @ High Noon Saloon  
 Benefit for Aunt Goodness @ High Noon  
 She & Him/Lavender Diamond @ the Barrymore  
 Joel Paterson w/ Cash Box Kings @ Overture lobby  
 Nick Lowe/Paul Cebar @ the Barrymore  
 Alejandro Escovedo @ High Noon Saloon  
 Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks/Blitzen Trapper @ HNS  
 KatJon Band/Dollar Store @ the Frequency  
 Wilco (trio) w/ Russ Feingold @ the Union Theater  
 Eugene Chadbourne @ Mother Fool's  
 Loudon Wainwright III/Jenri Colello @ the Majestic  
 Ha Ha Tonka/Aaron Scholz Trio @ Kiki's  
 and a salute to my home-towms:  
 the Runners-Up, Shakey, the Midwest Beat &  
 the Low Czars... y'all rock me every time

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## Best of the Year

# 2008



## Songs for the Recession by Peter

TOP 5:  
 Drive-By Truckers - *Brighter Than Creation's Dark*  
 The Felice Brothers - *s/t*  
 Jessica Lea Mayfield - *With Blasphemy So Heartfelt*  
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Lie Down in the Light*  
 Cat Power - *Jukebox*

THE REST  
 Eef Barzelay - *Lose Big*  
 The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*  
 Black Mountain - *In the Future*  
 Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Sera Cahoone - *Only As the Day Is Long*  
 Clinic - *Do It*  
 Conrad Ford - *Secret Army*  
 Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*  
 The Donkeys - *Living in the Other Side*  
 Dr. Dog - *Fate*  
 Justin Townes Earle - *The Good Life*  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t*  
 Flight of the Conchords - *s/t*  
 Frightened Rabbit - *The Midnite Organ Fight*  
 Giant Sand - *Pro Visions*  
 Howlin' Rain - *Magnificent Friend*  
 Ladyhawk - *Shots*  
 Langhorne Slim & the War Eagles - *s/t*  
 Jim Lauderdale & the Dream Players - *Honey Songs*  
 Del McCoury - *Moneyland*  
 Okkervil River - *The Stand Ins*  
 Reckless Kelly - *Bulletproof*

EPs:  
 The Avett Brothers - *The Gleam II*  
 Birds of Avalon - *s/t*

LOCAL  
 Midwest Beat - *double 7"*  
 Vid Libert - *Return to Mayaquez*

SONGS  
*Hittin' it Hard* - Jim Lauderdale  
*New York New York* - Cat Power  
*So Every One* - Bonnie "Prince" Billy  
*Your Control* - Crooked Fingers (w/ Neko Case)  
*Tear Down the House* - the Avett Brothers  
*Who Am I To Say* - Justin Townes Earle

SHOW OF THE YEAR:  
 Les Breastfeeders @ the Frequency

SHOWS IN TOWN:  
 the Avett Brothers @ High Noon Saloon  
 Black Diamond Heavies @ High Noon  
 Great Lake Swimmers @ High Noon  
 Dane 101 Halloween Party @ High Noon  
 Ladyhawk @ High Noon  
 Man Man @ High Noon  
 Neko Case/Giant Sand @ Orpheum (Forward Fest)  
 Killdozer @ High Noon (Forward Fest)  
 Midwest Beat @ the Frequency  
 Justin Townes Earle/Felice Brothers @ Rathskeller  
 Dengue Fever @ La Fete de Marquette

SHOWS OUT OF TOWN:  
 Bottle Rockets @ Beat Kitchen (Chicago)  
 Calexico @ the Metro (Chicago)  
 Danny & Dusty @ Bowery Ballroom (NYC)  
 Dead Confederate/Heartless Bastards @ Emo's (Austin)  
 Drive-By Truckers/Hold Steady @ the Riviera (Chicago)  
 Okkervil River @ the Riviera (Chicago)  
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 Gillian Welch @ Zilker Park (Austin)  
 Neil Young @ Chicago Theatre

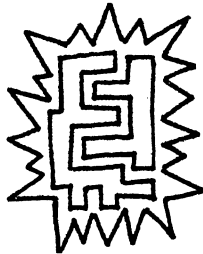
*B-Side*  
*Music Shop*  
*Since 1982*

# B-SIDE ALUMNI PAGE

## (THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED HERE)

### 18 from Lesley for 2008

Arthur Russell - *Love is Overtaking Me*  
 Baby Dee - *Safe Inside the Day*  
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Lie Down in the Light*  
 Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Nick Cave - *Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!!*  
 Spiritualized - *Songs in A & E*  
 Hal Singer & Jef Gilson - *Soul of Africa*  
 Beach House - *Devotion*  
 Susanna - *Flower of Evil*  
 Cat Power - *Jukebox*  
 Crystal Stüts - *Alight of Night*  
 Shearwater - *Rook*  
 The Walkmen - *You & I*  
 Antony & the Johnsons - *Another World EP*  
 Karen Dalton - *Green Rocky Road*  
 Suarasama - *Fajar di Atas Awan*  
 Neil Young - *Sugar Mountain - Live at Canterbury House 1968*  
 Richard Swift - *as Onasis I &*



### Five from Colleen

The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t + Sun Giant EP*  
 Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan - *Sunday at Devil Dirt*  
 The Gutter Twins - *Saturnalia*  
 Lucinda Williams - *Little Honey*

SHOWS

Fleet Foxes @ Memorial Union 7/18  
 The Gutter Twins @ High Noon 3/9  
 The Black Keys @ Turner Hall, Milw 9/5



### Katie's Magnificent Seven

Medio Mutante - *Inestable EP*  
 Hercules & Love Affair - *s/t*  
 Portishead - *Third*  
 Gang Gang Dance - *Saint Dymphna*  
 Maya - *Y 10"*  
 Animals and Men - *Never Bought, Never Sold*  
 Shop Assistants - *Will Anything Happen* reissue  
 Best show. Echo & the Bunnymen performing "Ocean Rain" at Radio City Music Hall... with orchestra! AWESOME

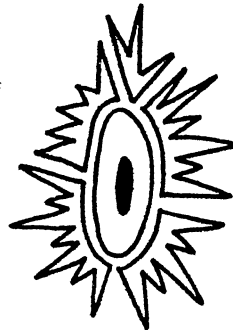


### Becky Suggests

Black Angels - *Directions to See a Ghost*  
 The War on Drugs - *Wagonwheel Blues*  
 Sparks - *Exotic Creatures of the Deep*  
 Sun Kil Moon - *April*  
 Spiritualized - *Songs in A & E*  
 El Perro Del Mar - *From the Valley to the Stars*  
 The Brian Jonestown Massacre - *My Blood Underground*  
 El Guincho - *Alegranza*  
 Digital Leather - *Sorcerer*  
 Crystal Stüts - *A Light of Night*  
 King Khan & his Shrines - *Supreme Genius of...*  
 Beck - *Modern Guilt*

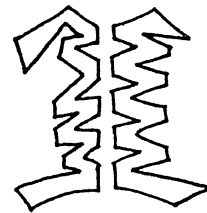
### Julia's Random Order List of 2008 Goodies

Graham Lindsey - *We Are All Alone in This Together*  
 - *The Mines EP*  
 Jennifer O'Connor - *Here With Me*  
 Belle & Sebastian - *The BBC Sessions*  
 Ben Weaver - *The Axe in the Oak*  
 The United Sons of Toil - *Until Lions Have Their Historians,*  
*Tales of the Hunt Shall Always Glorify The Hunter*  
 Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*  
 The Runners-Up - *s/t*  
 Mogwai - *The Hawk is Howling*  
 The Shabelles - *Making Love with the Shabelles*  
 Fucked Up - *The Chemistry of Modern Life*  
 Deerhoof - *Offend Maggie*  
 Cordero - *De Donde Eres*  
 Dungen - *4*  
 The Arge - *Hotness for the People*  
 Gossip - *Live in Liverpool*  
 Justin Townes Earle - *The Good Life*  
 Calexico - *Carried to Dust*  
 The Ugly Suit - *s/t*  
 El Valiente - *El Topo*  
 Nina Nastasia - *What She Doesn't Know*  
 Knuckel Drager - *You Do Better*  
 J. Spaceman & the Sun City Girls - *Mister Lonely Soundtrack*



### Claire's Baker's Dozen

Hot Chip - *Made in the Dark* This year's obsession  
 WARNING: May cause involuntary dance moves  
 TV on the Radio - *Dear Science*  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t*  
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Lie Down in the Light*  
 Silver Jews - *Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea*  
 Department of Eagles - *In Ear Park*  
 Tapes 'n Tapes - *Walk it Off*  
 Thao & the Get Down Stay Down  
*We Brave Bee Stings and All Yummy!*  
 Health: Disco  
 Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*  
 Flight of the Conchords - *s/t*  
 Isobel Campbell & Mark Campbell  
*Sunday at Devil Dirt* Saucy & Sweet  
 Deerhunter - *Microcastle/Weird Era Cont.*

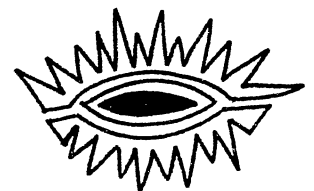


### James' Jams (random order)

Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago* This was the closest thing to a proper "put-the-fear-of-god-in-ya" Wisconsin winter that I could find in San Francisco  
 Dennis Wilson - *Pacific Ocean Blue* (reissue) Oh, man, is this fantastic.  
 It's the audio equivalent of Nick Nolte's mugshot.  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t* I love this because the drummer looks like a sweaty, rotund, speed-addled Jim Morrison/Charles Manson/John Bonham. This shit is mojo!  
 And his playing is perfect.  
 New Order - (reissues) I'm still working through these (sorry, "Brotherhood") but I'm genuinely impressed with the improved sound and 12" mixes.  
 It's New Order in bloom!  
 Arthur Russell - *Love Is Overtaking Me* I don't even know where to begin with this guy. Actually, I do: Wikipedia

### Phoebe's Playground

Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Vampire Weekend - *s/t*  
 Wolf Parade - *At Mount Zoomer*  
 Lykke Li - *Youth Novels*  
 CSS - *Donkey*  
 TV on the Radio - *Dear Science*  
 Marnie Stern - *This is it...*  
 Zach Hill - *Astrological Straits*  
 Little Teeth - *Child Bearing Man*  
 MGMT - *Oracular Spectacular*  
 The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*  
 Silver Jews - *Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea*  
 The Hold Steady - *Stay Positive*  
 Chairlift - *Does You Inspire You*  
 Sons & Daughters - *This Gift*  
 The Teenagers - *Reality Check*  
 Ra Ra Riot - *The Rhumb Line*  
 Black Kids - *Partie Traumatic*  
 She & Him - *Volume One*  
 Jenny Lewis - *Acid Tongue*  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t*  
 Times New Viking - *Rip it Off*  
 Crystal Castles - *s/t*  
 Deerhunter - *Microcastle*  
 The Walkmen - *You & Me*  
 The Dodos - *Visiter*  
 Department of Eagles - *In Car Park*  
 Blitzen Trapper - *Furr*  
 Okkervil River - *The Stand Ins*  
 Cut Copy - *In Ghost Colours*  
 Man Man - *Rabbit Habits*  
 Estelle - *Shine*  
 Old 97's - *Blame it on Gravity*  
 The Death Set - *Worldwide*  
 Abe Vigoda - *Skeleton*  
 High Places - *s/t*  
 Vivian Girls - *s/t*



### Ellen's Choice

A Classic Education - *First EP*  
 Atlas Sound - *Let the Blind Lead...*  
 Beach House - *Devotion*  
 Beck - *Modern Guilt*  
 Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Brian Jonestown Massacre - *My Bloody Underground*  
 Crystal Antlers - *s/t*  
 Dead Meadow - *Old Growth*  
 Deerhunter - *Microcastle*  
 Disappears - *Old Friend Magics* (single)  
 Fleet Foxes - *s/t*  
 Fuck Buttons - *Street Horrning*  
 Gang Gang Dance - *Saint Dymphna*  
 The Hold Steady - *Stay Positive*  
 The Kills - *Midnight Boom*  
 Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - *Real Emotional Trash*  
 Valet - *Naked Acid*  
 Vampire Weekend - *s/t*  
 The Walkmen - *You & Me*  
 Working for a Nuclear Free City - *Businessmen & Ghosts*  
 Shows. My Bloody Valentine/Caribou/Fuck Buttons/Deerhunter



# Best of the Year 2008



## I'm Jimmy, and I approved this list

Kings Of Leon - *Only By The Night*  
 Lucinda Williams - *Little Honey*  
 Alejandro Escovedo - *Real Animal*  
 Ryan Adams & the Cardinals - *Cardinology*  
 TV on the Radio - *Dear Science*  
 Bon Iver - *For Emma, Forever Ago*  
 Blitzen Trapper - *Furr*  
 Crooked Fingers - *Forfeit/Fortune*  
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 Notwist - *The Devil, You & Me*  
 Oasis - *Dig Out Your Own Soul*  
 REM - *Accelerate*  
 The Pretenders - *Break Up the Concrete*  
 Matthew Sweet - *Sunshine Lies*  
 Stereolab - *Chemical Chords*  
 The Verve - *Forth*  
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 Drive-By Truckers - *Brighter Than Creation's Dark*  
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 Sun Kil Moon - *April*  
 Billy Bragg - *Mr. Love & Justice*  
 The Black Keys - *Attack & Release*  
 Coldplay - *Death and All His Friends*  
 Elvis Costello - *Momofuku*  
 Bob Pollard - *Is Off To Business*  
 Centro-Matic/South San Gabriel - *Dual Hawks*  
 The Felice Brothers - *s/t*  
 The Kills - *Midnight Boom*  
 The Last Shadow Puppets - *The Age of Understatement*  
 The Magnetic Fields - *Distortion*  
 She & Him - *Volume One*  
 Flight of the Conchords - *s/t*  
 Beck - *Modern Guilt*  
 The Gutter Twins - *Saturnalia*  
 My Morning Jacket - *Evil Urges*  
 The Ravonettes - *Lust, Lust, Lust*  
 Grand Archives - *s/t*  
 Elbow - *The Seldom Scene Kid*  
 Robert Forster - *The Evangelist*  
 Cat Power - *Juke Box*  
 The Broken West - *Now or Heaven*  
 Paul Westerberg - *49:00*  
 Spiritualized - *Songs in A & E*  
 James McMurtry - *Just U/SKids*  
 The Dials - *Amoeba Amore*  
 The Baseball Project - *Vol. 1*  
 King Khan - *The Supreme Genius of...*  
 RE ISSUES.  
 Creedence Clearwater Revival - *catalog*  
 Whiskeytown - *Stranger's Almanac*  
 David Bowie - *Live at Santa Monica '72*  
 U2 - *Boy*  
 The Replacements - *(warner catalog)*  
 The Clash - *Live at Shea Stadium 1982*  
 Bob Dylan - *Tell Tale Signs*  
 The Smiths - *The Sound of...*  
 Robyn Hitchcock - *Luminous Groove*  
 Nick Lowe - *Jesus of Cool*  
 The Eels - *Useless Trinkets*  
 Dennis Wilson - *Pacific Ocean Blue*  
 Elton John - *Elton John & Tumbleweed Connection*

## DJ-Sides

David Byrne & Brian Eno -  
*Everything That Happens Will Happen Today*  
 Kassir + 2 - *Futurismo*  
 Coldplay - *Viva la Vida*  
 Thievery Corporation - *Radio Retaliation*  
 Tom Ze - *Estudando A Bossa*  
 Lee Scratch Perry/Adrian Sherwood - *The Mighty Upsetter*  
 Fripp & Eno - *No Pussyfooting (2 CD reissue)*  
 The Fireman - *Electric Arguments*

## Instrumental Brunch with Steve

Bill Frisell - *History, Mystery*  
 Brad Barr - *The Fall Apartment*  
 Tim Whalen Nonet - *Magnus*  
 Joel Paterson Trio - *Steel is Real*  
 Max Richter - *24 Postcards in Full Colour*  
 Punch Brothers - *Punch*  
 Dave Holland Sextet - *Pass it On*  
 Menahan Street Band - *Make the Road by Walking*

## Ian's Top Ten (special guest taste-maker)

La Dusseldorf - *Viva (reissue)*  
 La Dusseldorf - *s/t (reissue)*  
 Fairport Convention - *Unhalfbricking (reissues ...)*  
 Fairport Convention - *What We Did On Our Holidays*  
 Fripp & Eno - *No Pussyfooting (reissue)*  
 Bang On A Can All Stars - *Music For Airports (digital/live)*  
 Aphex Twin - *Selected Ambient Works 85-92 (reissue)*  
 Deerhunter - *Microcastle*  
 Cloudland Canyon - *Lie In Light*  
 Matmos - *Supreme Balloon*

## Jeff's Essential Reissues

Fripp & Eno - *No Pussyfooting / Evening Star*  
 Creedence Clearwater Revival - *(first six albums)*  
 David Bowie - *Live in Santa Monica '72*  
 La Dusseldorf - *s/t / Viva*



## Harmonic Opinions '08

*(we think these are good)*

The clear breakout vote-getter received a staggering **TEN VOTES:**

### Fleet Foxes

Coming in second place with a barn-busting **SEVEN VOTES:**

### Bon Iver

These four artists tied for third place with **SIX VOTES** each:

**Beck...The Black Keys...Dead Meadow  
 Stephen Malkmus & The Jicks**

Only three artists earned **FIVE VOTES:**

**Bonnie "Prince" Billy...Cat Power  
 Flight of the Conchords**

This batch can proudly take ownership of **FOUR VOTES:**

**The Black Angels...Blitzen Trapper...Calexico...Dungen  
 Alejandro Escovedo...Jenny Lewis...James McMurtry  
 She & Him...TV on the Radio...Lucinda Williams**

Last, yet hardly least, we honorably mention those with **THREE VOTES:**

Eef Barzelay...Black Mountain...Sera Cahoone...Deerhunter...The Dials...Dr. Dog  
 Drive-By Truckers...Duffy...Felice Brothers...The Hold Steady...The Kills...Notwist  
 Jennifer O'Connor...Okkervil River...Portishead...The Pretenders...Sun Kil Moon...Thao  
 The Walkmen...Paul Weller...plus reissues by David Bowie...Creedence Clearwater Revival

Notice: The "B-Side Best of the Year 2008" is just a collection of personal opinions from the employees of B-Side Records, along with many who have worked here over the past 26 years, plus one invited guest. Although we could "vote" for as many discs as we wanted, we did not discuss our voting intentions, so as not to influence each other any more than we already do. Speaking of voting, we wish to thank those who again voted B-Side "Madison's Favorite" Record Store in several surveys this year. As we cautiously tiptoe into 2009, we would be remiss not to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our customers, friends, and well-wishers for allowing B-Side to be your music provider...we do not take you for granted!  
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