

B-Side Best of the Year 2009

Alex's Favorite Records of 2009

Neko Case - *Middle Cyclone*
 Lightning Dust - *Infinite Light*
 The Swell Season - *Strict Joy*
 Yeah Yeah Yeahs - *It's Blitz!*
 Magnolia Electric Co. - *Josephine*
 Score! 20 Years of Merge Records: *The Covers*
 Midwest Beat - *The Gates*
 Dinosaur Jr. - *Farm*
 Bill Callahan - *Sometimes I Wish We Were An Eagle*
 Heartless Bastards - *The Mountain*
 Built To Spill - *There Is No Enemy*
 Camera Obscura - *My Maudlin Career*
 The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic*
 The Dead Weather - *Horehound*
 M. Ward - *Hold Time*
 Phoenix - *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*
 Monsters of Folk - *s/t*
 A.C. Newman - *Guilty*
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Beware*
 Iron & Wine - *Around the Well*
 Jay-Z - *Blueprint 3*
 Avett Brothers - *I and Love and You*
 Regina Spektor - *Far*
 The Decemberists - *The Hazards of Love*
 Julie Doiron - *I Can Wonder What You Did with Your Day*
 The Thermals - *Now We Can See*
 Fruit Bats - *The Ruminant Band*
 The Hussy - *Winter Daze EP*
 Jason Lytle - *Yours Truly, The Commuter*
 God Help the Girl - *s/t (Stuart Murdoch)*
 The Lemonheads - *Varshons*
 Wye Oak - *The Knot*
 Yo La Tengo - *Popular Songs*
 The Clientele - *Bonfires on the Heath*
 The Mountain Goats - *The Life of the World to Come*
 Julian Casablancas - *Phrazes for the Young*
 Beyonce - *I Am... Sasha Fierce*
 Cave Weddings - *Bring Your Love 7"*
 Dirty Projectors - *Blitte Orca*
 His & Her Vanities - *The Mighty Lunge*
 Pink Mountaintops - *Outside Love*
 The Honey Silides - *s/t*



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 Morrissey - *Swords*
 His & Her Vanities - *The Mighty Lunge*
 The Cribs - *Ignore the Ignorant*
 Richard Lloyd - *The Jamie Neverts Story*
 Tommy Keene - *In the Late Bright*
 Built to Spill - *There is No Enemy*
 The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic*
 The Clientele - *Bonfires on the Heath*
 The Dead Weather - *Horehounds*
 Arctic Monkeys - *Humburg*
 Dinosaur Jr. - *Farm*
 Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest*
 Matthew Sweet & Susanna Hoffs - *Under the Covers 2*
 David Bazan - *Curse Your Branches*
 Systems Officer - *Underslept*
 Prefab Sprout - *Let's Change the World*
 Jay Farrar & Ben Gibbard - *One Fast Move Or I'm Gone*
 Son Volt - *Central American Dust*
 The Allens - *Luna*
 Nouvelle Vague - *NV3*
 The Twilight Sad - *The Night Ahead*
 Manic Street Preachers - *Journal for Plague Lovers*
 Grant Hart - *Hot Wax*
 The Raveonettes - *In and Out of Control*
 Joe Pernice - *It Feels So Good When I Stop*
 Marmoset - *Tea Tornado*
 Wilco - *Wilco (the album)*
 God Help The Girl - *s/t*
 The Lemonheads - *Varshons*
 Sonic Youth - *The Eternal*
 Viva Voce - *Rose City*
 Yeah Yeah Yeahs - *It's Blitz!*
 Levon Helm - *Electric Dirt*
 The Felice Brothers - *Yonder Is the Clock*
 Glasvegas - *s/t*
 The Pains of Being Pure at Heart - *s/t*
 Neko Case - *Middle Cyclone*
 AC Newman - *Get Guilty*
 Dark Night of the Soul - *v/a*
 Julian Casablancas - *Phrazes for Young People*
 Polvo - *In Prism*
 Reissues:
 The Beatles - *catalogue*
 Big Star - *Keep an Eye on the Sky*
 Iron & Wine - *Around the Well*
 Morrissey - *Maladjusted*
 Neil Young - *Archives Vol. 1*
 Rodriguez - *Coming From Reality*
 The Move - *Anthology*
 Live:
 Manic Street Preachers @ The Metro (Chicago)
 Rodriguez @ The High Noon Saloon
 Richard Lloyd @ The Frequency
 Felice Brothers @ Union Terrace
 Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit @ High Noon Saloon

The Dave Zone's Synapse Snappin' Stellar Sounds

Chuck Prophet - *Let Freedom Ring!*
 Robyn Hitchcock - *Goodnight Oslo*
 Squarewave - *Throwing Stones*
 The Bats - *The Guilty Office*
 Sonic Youth - *The Eternal*
 Them Crooked Vultures - *s/t*
 Cougar - *Patriot*
 Meat Puppets - *Sewn Together*
 AC Newman - *Get Guilty*
 The Green Pajamas - *Poison in the Russian Room*
 Systems Officer - *Underslept*
 Yo La Tengo - *Popular Songs*
 U2 - *No Line on the Horizon*
 The xx - *xx*
 Richard Lloyd - *The Jamie Neverts Story*
 Booker T - *Potato Hole*
 Buddy & Julie Miller - *Written In Chalk*
 Neko Case - *Middle Cyclone*
 Son Volt - *Central American Dust*
 The Entrance Band - *s/t*
 Rosie Flores w/ the Pine Valley Cosmonauts - *Girl of the Century*
 Bob Dylan - *Together Through Time*
 Norah Jones - *The Fall*
 Eleni Mandell - *Artificial Fire*
 Tom Russell - *Blood & Candle Smoke*
 Animal Collective - *Merrweather Post Pavilion*
 The Twilight Sad - *Forget the Night Ahead*
 Heavy Trash - *Midnight Soul Serenade*
 Mad Trucker Gone Mad - *s/t*
 Wilco - *Wilco (the album)*
 > International:
 Anour Brahem - *Astounding Eyes of Rita*
 Rough Guide to Tango - *v/a*
 > African:
 Mulatu Astatke & the Hellocentrics - *Inspiration Information 3*
 Toumani Diabate - *Mande Variations*
 Rough Guide to Afrobeat Revisited - *v/a*
 > Funk:
 The Whitefield Brothers - *In the Raw*
 > New Music:
 Jon Hassell - *Last Night the Moon Came and Dropped*
 It's Clothes in the Street
 > Jazz:
 Pieranunzi/Johnson/Baron - *Dream Dance*
 Corea/McLaughlin - *5 Peace Band*
 Bill Frisell - *Disfarmer*
 > Electronica:
 Boozoo Bajou - *Grains*



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> Top 5 heavy rotation

Chuck Prophet - *Let Freedom Ring!* And the overlooked singer/songwriter/guitarist award goes to this guy. He has a long history. Look it up. Unlike most middle-age guys with an extensive discography, Chuck keeps improving. Always a fine guitarist, his songwriting becomes more consistently rewarding over time. Knowing, soulful, rocking with humor but a firm grip, he is able to enhance the mood. Instantly.

Lisa Hannigan - *Sea Saw* This Irish whispereer made me want to press "replay" more than anyone this year. Former Damien Rice cohort has broken away with a gorgeous debut of understated, precisely detailed & personal acoustic story-songs. Her sympathetic band might be best introduced by viewing the brilliantly off-the-cuff video of the centerpiece "I Don't Know", filmed in the closet of a homeland pub.

Yo La Tengo - *Popular Songs* What can be said about this iconic American trio that hasn't been? 25 years in, they continue to astonish with their sheer relentlessness. These people are, like many of us, huge fans of the best pop & rock music. They absorb, then devise their own patented recipe for rocking. They cultivate an extensive menu both savory and sweet...which is why I shall never grow tired of them.

God Help The Girl - *s/t* Many Belle & Sebastian fans did not notice this "concept" project by band leader Stuart Murdoch. But it's never too late to discover this little old-fashioned pop narrative. Styled in a mid-'60s girl-group & orchestral Burt Bacharach tradition, but with a sassy lyrical edge, this very entertaining album may take a few listens to sink in, but once it does, it should stick with you.

The Whispertown 2000 - *Swim* This '08 release went unnoticed 'til early '09. I became addicted to the skilled folk/pop/wang songwriting and charmingly un-fussy singing of bandleader Morgan Nagler. With cameos from Gillian Welch, Dave Rawlings & Jenny Lewis, this scuffed-up gem of an album became one of my most loved. YouTube their song "Old Times" and if you don't smile, well...I can't help

> many more worthy spins

The Aliens - *Luna*

Arctic Monkeys - *Humburg*

Dan Auerbach - *Keep it Hid*

The Avett Brothers - *I and Love and You*

Devendra Banhart - *What Will We Be*

The Bats - *The Guilty Office*

David Bazan - *Curse Your Branches*

Brendan Benson - *My Old Familiar Friend*

Ryan Bingham - *Roadhouse Sun*

The Black Hollies - *Softly Towards the Light*

Bonnie 'Prince' Billy - *Beware*

Built To Spill - *There is No Enemy*

Califone - *All My Friends are Funeral Singers*

Bill Callahan - *Sometimes I Wish We Were An Eagle*

Camera Obscura - *My Maudlin Career*

Neko Case - *Middle Cylcone*

The Church - *Untitled # 23*

The Clean - *Mister Pop*

Clem Snide - *Hungry Bird*

The Clientele - *Bonfires on the Heath*

Christina Courtin - *s/t*

Samantha Crain & the Midnight Shivers - *Songs in the Night*

Dave Rawlings Machine - *A Friend of a Friend*

The Dead Weather - *Horehound*

The Decembrists - *The Hazards of Love*

Dexateens - *Singlewide*

Alela Diane - *To Be Still*

Dinosaur Jr. - *Farm*

Steve Earle - *Townes*

Tim Easton - *Porcupine*

The Entrance Band - *s/t*

Eulogies - *Here Anonymous*

Marianne Faithfull - *Easy Come Easy Go*

Jay Farrar/Ben Gibbard - *One Fast Move or I'm Gone*

The Felice Brothers - *Yonder is the Clock*

Orenda Fink - *Ask the Night*

The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic*

Floating Action - *s/t*

Fruit Bats - *The Ruminant Band*

Great Lake Swimmers - *Lost Channels*

Green Pajamas - *Poison in the Russian Room*

Headless Heroes - *The Silence of Love*

Heartless Bastards - *The Mountain*

Heavy Trash - *Midnight Soul Serenade*

Joe Henry - *Blood From the Stars*

His & Her Vantiles - *The Mighty Lunge*

Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3 - *Goodnight Oslo*

Alexandra Hope - *Middle Sunday*

Hush Arbors - *Yankee Reality*

Icarus Himself - *Coffins*

Iron & Wine - *Around the Well*

Simon Joyner - *Out Into the Snow*

The June - *Magic Circles*

Tommy Keene - *In the Late Bright*

Steve Kilbey - *Painkiller*

The Kingsbury Manx - *Ascenseur Overt!*

The Lemonheads - *Varshons*

Jeffrey Lewis & the Junkyard - *'Em Are I*

The Low Anthem - *Oh My God, Charlie Darwin*

Madness - *The Liberty of Norton Folgate*

Magnetic Morning - *A.M.*

Eleni Mandell - *Artificial Fire*

Marmoset - *Tea Tornado*

Mazes - *s/t*

Meat Puppets - *Sewn Together*

Megafaun - *Gather, Form & Fly*

Midwest Beat - *At the Gates*

Buddy & Julie Miller - *Written in Chalk*

Monsters of Folk - *s/t*

The Mountain Goats - *The Life of the World to Come*

Marissa Nadler - *Little Hells*

AC Newman - *Get Guilty*

Joe Pernice - *It Feels So Good When I Stop*

Pink Mountaintops - *Outside Love*

Iggy Pop - *Preliminaires*

Port O'Brien - *Threadbare*

The Postmarks - *Memoirs at the End of the World*

Hope Sandoval & the Warm Inventions -

Through the Devil Softly

Shows (chronological order)

Vic Chesnut / Elf Power / Whatfor @ High Noon Saloon

Leo Kottke @ Barrymore Theatre

Clem Snide @ HNS

Rodriguez / Diplomats of Solio Sound @ HNS

Mana Taylor / The Whispertown 2000 @ HNS

Louis CK @ Barrymore

Flight of the Conchords / Eugene Mirman @ Overture Center

Robbie Fuiks @ HNS

Jenny Lewis / The Sadies / Farmer Dave @ Barrymore ****

(**** favorite show of the year)

Cheap Trick @ Barrymore

The Decembrists / Heartless Bastards @ Overture

Lacklows / Shazy Hade @ HNS

Bloodshot 15th Anniversary BBQ @ HNS

Fruit Bats / Iran / Blk Jks @ Stage Door

Killdozer / Urinals @ HNS

"Creedence Clearwater Revival" / "Alice Cooper" @ Mickey's

& fist bumps to locals The Hemlines, Shakey, The Honey Slides,

Midwest Beat, Motor Primitives, The Shrunken Heads,

Pretty Victims, Lip Service, Lou & Peter Berryman.



Ralph's Batch

Heartless Bastards - *The Mountain*

Dinosaur Jr. - *Farm*

Tom Russell - *Blood and Candle Smoke*

Dan Auerbach - *Keep it Hid*

Meat Puppets - *Sewn Together*

Justin Townes Earle - *Midnight at the Movies*

Steve Earle - *Townes*

Leonard Cohen - *Live in London*

The Dead Weather - *Horehound*

Iggy Pop - *Preliminaires*

Robyn Hitchcock & the Venus 3 - *Goodnight Oslo*

The Reigning Sound - *Love & Curses*

Mission of Burma - *The Sound, The Speed, The Light*

Buddy & Julie Miller - *Written in Chalk*

Nell Young - *Fork in the Road*

The Bats - *The Guilty Office*

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Dan Auerbach - *Keep it Hid*

Samantha Crain & the Midnight Shivers - *Songs in the Night*

Dexateens - *Singlewide*

Jolie Holland - *The Living & the Dead*

Icarus Himself - *s/t*

The June - *Magic Circles*

The Lemonheads - *Varshons*

Madness - *The Liberty of Norton Folgate*

Midwest Beat - *At the Gates*

The Minus Five - *Killingsworth*

Dave Rawlings Machine - *A Friend of a Friend*

Kurt Vile - *Childish Prodigy*

Woven Hands - *Ten Stones*

> Ten Memorable Shows:

(in town)

The Avett Brothers @ Barrymore Theatre

Dinosaur Jr. @ Majestic Theater

Richard Lloyd @ Frequency

Jason Isbell @ High Noon Saloon

White Denim @ High Noon Saloon

(out of town)

Drunk Drivers @ House of Rock - Eau Claire w/ Aqua Fugged

The Jesus Lizard @ Turner Hall - Milwaukee

The Raveonettes @ Black Cat - D.C. w/ Beginning of the End

Slobberbone (2009 reunion) @ Onkeda Casino - Green Bay

(3 bands in 1) Peter Buck, Scott McCaughey, Linda Pitlor, Steve Wynn @ Martyr's - Chicago

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Sonic Youth - *The Eternal*

Squarewave - *Throwing Stones*

St. Vincent - *Actor*

The Swell Season - *Strict Joy*

Systems Officer - *Underslept*

Otis Taylor - *Pentatonic Wars & Love Songs*

Rokia Traore - *Tchamantche*

Vetiver - *Tight Knit*

Viva Voce - *Rose City*

The xx - *xx*

M. Ward - *Hold Time*

The Whitefield Brothers - *In the Raw*

Wilco - *Wilco (the album)*

The Wooden Birds - *Magnolia*

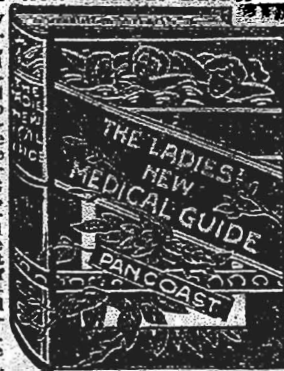
Woods - *Songs of Shame*

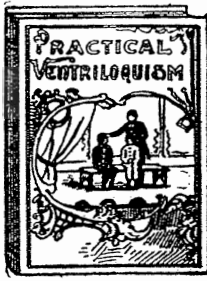
Wye Oak - *The Knot*

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Lesley's Picks

- Bill Callahan - *Sometimes I Wish We Were An Eagle*
- Richard Youngs - *Under Stellar Stream*
- Richard Hawley - *True Love's Gutter*
- Girls - *Album*
- Phoenix - *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*
- Hildur Gudnadottir - *Without Sinking*
- Jim O'Rourke - *The Visitor*
- Cass McCombs - *Catacombs*
- Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Beware*
- Animal Collective - *Merriwether Post Pavilion*
- God Help The Girl - *s/t*
- The Clientele - *Bonfires on the Heath*
- Yo La Tengo - *Popular Songs*
- Zola Jesus - *The Spoils*
- Fennaz - *Black Sea*
- Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest*
- Former Ghosts - *Fleurs*
- Sparklehorse & Danger Mouse - *Dark Night of the Soul*
- Fiery Furnaces - *I'm Going Away*
- El Perro Del Mar - *Love Is Not Pop*
- Antony & the Johnsons - *Another World*
- And the Reissues that Blew My Mind This Year:
- Serge Gainsbourg - *Histoire de Melody Nelson*
- REM - *Reckoning Deluxe Edition*
- The Feelies - *Crazy Rhythms / The Good Earth*
- Harmonia & Eno - *'76 Tracks & Traces*
- Big Star - *Keep An Eye On The Sky (box)*

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- Animal Collective - *Merriwether Post Pavilion*
- Condo Fucks - *Fuckbook*
- Dead Weather - *Horehound*
- Dirty Projectors - *Bitte Orca*
- Disappears - *s/t*
- Kurt Vile - *Childish Prodigy*
- Kills - *Midnight Boom*
- Mirah - *(A)spera*
- Passion Pit - *Manners*
- Peter Doherty - *Grace/Wastelands*
- Pink Mountaintops - *Outside Love*
- Polvo - *In Prism*
- Vivian Girls - *s/t*
- Wooden Birds - *Magnolia*
- Yeah Yeah Yeahs - *It's Blitz!*
- The xx - *xx*

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B-SIDE

BEST OF THE YEAR

2009

Becky's 8 for '09

- Pieces - *A Lovely Sight*
- Camera Obscura - *My Maudlin Career*
- The Clean - *Mister Pop*
- Cold Cave - *Love Comes Close*
- Kurt Vile - *Childish Prodigy*
- Broadcast & the Focus Group - *Investigate*
- Witch Cults of the Radio Age

Air - *Love 2*

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Michelle's 13 Best of 2009 (special guest music fanatic)

- Superdrag - *Industry Giants*
- Archie Powell & the Exports - *Loose Change EP*
- Her Space Holiday - *Sleepy Tigers*
- Jay Farrar & Ben Gibbard - *One Fast Move Or I'm Gone*
- Sloan - *Hit & Run*
- The Bottle Rockets - *Lean Forward*
- WHIP! - *The Defibrillator LP*
- Mark Olson & Gary Louris - *Ready for the Flood*
- Jon Auer / Cheap Star - *Two For the Money*
- Tinted Windows - *s/t*
- Brendan Benson - *My Old, Familiar Friend*
- The Soundtrack of Our Lives - *Communion*
- Joe Pernice - *It Feels So Good When I Stop*
- The Shows That Made My Year (in chronological order)
- Last Band Standing (The Motor / The Runners-Up / Shazy Hade / Goat Radio) - *High Noon Saloon*
- The Figgs / Beach Patrol - *High Noon Saloon*
- John Davis / WHIP! - *The Rutledge (Nashville)*
- Mark Olson & Gary Louris - *Phoenix Hill Tavern (Louisville)*
- Retribution Gospel Choir - *Orpheum Stage Door*
- The Soundtrack of Our Lives - *Double Door (Chicago)*
- Micah Schnabel / Shane Sweeney - *Kid's House of Righteous Music*
- Dub Trio / Dick The Bruiser - *High Noon Saloon*
- Superdrag - *Rock Island Brewing Company (Rock Island) & Milestone Club (Charlotte)*
- Matthew Sweet - *The Vogue (Indianapolis)*
- The United Sons of Toil - *Summerfest (Milwaukee)*
- Jon Auer - *High Noon Saloon*
- The Bottle Rockets - *Cranky Pat's (Neenah)*
- Mount Vicious / The United Sons of Toil - *The Frequency*
- The Weakerthans - *High Noon Saloon*
- Bob Mould Band - *The Metro (Chicago)*
- The Hussy / Wheels on Fire / The Honey Slides / The Hemlines - *The Frequency*
- The Lepers / The United Sons of Toil / Dirty Talker / Dean Armband - *The Sydney (Omaha)*
- Rooms / Vessel / The United Sons of Toil - *Dojo (Indianapolis)*
- Jay Farrar & Benjamin Gibbard / John Roderick - *Lincoln Hall (Chicago)*
- Trick Or Treat / The Jett Blacks - *High Noon Saloon*
- Leaders of Men - *The Frequency*
- August Teens - *Frequency*
- Jon Dee Graham - *Kiki's House of Righteous Music*
- Anders Parker - *Kiki's House of Righteous Music & Darkroom (Chicago)*
- The Jesus Lizard - *The Metro (Chicago)*

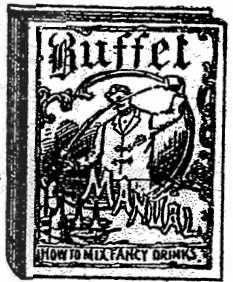
James' 13 Jams

- Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest* Musically, this record is consistently complex and at the same time familiar, like trying to drive a car backwards.
- Fever Ray - *s/t* My fear was that this would come off as The Knife Lite ("Now with 50% less existential dread!"), but it turned out to be a fantastically creepy listen.
- The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic* The last few albums by these guys have too often reflected the whims of their producer, so it's nice to hear something more organic. Though the sound pallet is that of the 1970s Can recordings, it still sounds modern in 2009.
- Girls - *Album* This record is proof that hipsters have feelings too. Yes, the lyrics are occasionally neutered, and the music is far from fresh, but there is a depth and fearless honesty to these songs that remind me of Brian Wilson's best material.
- Animal Collective - *Merriwether Post Pavilion* Surprisingly, the shelf life of this one was more like that of a banana than a Twinkie. Nonetheless, an interesting mix of Gorgeous and Incidental.
- Wild Beasts - *Two Dancers*
- Cass McCombs - *Catacombs*
- Mos Def - *Ecstatic*
- Sunn O))) - *Monoliths & Dimensions*
- Big Star - *Keep an Eye on the Sky*
- Woody Guthrie - *My Dusty Road*
- The Vaselines - *Enter the Vaselines*
- Guided By Voices - *Suitcase 3: Up We Go Now* Disc 4 of this set is Bob Pollard and crew drunkenly brainstorming during the "Bee Thousand" sessions. It's a shame that it's taken 15 years to see the light of day, but on planet Pollard the laws of chronology have never really applied.

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Elise's Top 50 Indie Pop & Indie Rock Albums 2009 (in order of personal importance)

- Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest*
- Neko Case - *Middle Cyclone*
- The Dodos - *Time To Die*
- Animal Collective - *Merriwether Post Pavilion*
- Grand Archives - *Keep in Mind Frankenstein*
- Jets Overhead - *No Nations*
- Wilco - *Wilco (the album)*
- Phoenix - *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*
- John Vanderslice - *Romanian Names*
- The Clientele - *Bonfires on the Heath*
- Startucker - *Jupiter*
- ...And You Will Know Us By The Trill Of Dead - *The Century of Self*
- Amy Millan - *Noble Beast*
- Fanfarlo - *s/t*
- The xx - *xx*
- Mew - *No More Stories are Told Today I'm Sorry They Washed Away*
- No More Stories the World is Grey I'm Tired Let's Wash Away
- Gregory Pepper and His Problems - *With Trumpets Flaring*
- Telekenesis! - *s/t*
- Monsters of Folk - *s/t*
- A B & the Sea - *Simple as Seagulls*
- Doves - *Kingdom of Rust*
- David Bazan - *Curse Your Branches*
- Tegan & Sara - *Sainthood*
- The Wooden Birds - *Magnolia*
- Wye Oak - *The Knot*
- Maps - *Turning the Mind*
- Headlights - *Wildlife*
- Port O'Brien - *Threadbare*
- Vandaveer - *Divide & Conquer*
- Julian Casablancas - *Phrazes for the Young*
- Sea Wolf - *White Water, White Bloom*
- Division Day - *Visitation*
- Fruit Bats - *The Ruminant Band*
- Generational - *Con Law*
- Parlour Steps - *The Hidden Names*
- The Trash Can Sinatras - *In the Music*
- Metric - *Fantasies*
- Islands - *Vapours*
- Matt and Kim - *Grand*
- The Twilight Sad - *Forget the Night Ahead*
- The Receiver - *Length of Arms*
- Forest City Lovers - *Haunting Moon Sinking*
- Hope Sandoval & the Warm Inventions - *Through the Devil Softly*
- Latvian Radio - *Seven Layers of Self-Defense*
- Great Northern - *Remind Me Where the Light Is*
- Dent May & His Magnificent Ukulele - *The Good Feeling Music of...*
- Camera Obscura - *My Maudlin Career*
- The Decemberists - *The Hazards of Love*

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Phoebe's Choice

Vetiver - *Tight Knit*
 Yim Yames - *Tribute to*
 The Dirty Projectors - *Bitte Orca*
 The Pains of Being Pure at Heart - *s/t*
 Major Lazer - *Guns Don't Kill People...Lazers Do*
 Atlas Sound - *Logos*
 Phoenix - *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*
 Monsters of Folk - *s/t*
 Woods - *Songs of Shame*
 Cass McCombs - *Catacombs*
 Wild Beasts - *Two Dancers*
 Fruit Bats - *The Ruminant Band*
 Phosphorescent - *To Willie*
 Animal Collective - *Merrweather Post Pavilion*
 Andrew Bird - *Noble Beast*
 St. Vincent - *Actor*
 Amanda Blank - *I Love You*
 The Antlers - *Hospice*
 Girls - *Album*
 Yacht - *See Mystery Lights*
 Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest*
 Wavvves - *s/t*
 Cory Chisel & the Wandering Sons
Death Won't Send a Letter
 Washed Out - *Life of Leisure*
 The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic*

Jeff's 13

The Flaming Lips - *Embryonic*
 Jim O'Rourke - *The Visitor*
 Grizzly Bear - *Veckatimest*
 Madlib - *Beat Konducta Vol. 5-6*
 Dirty Projectors - *Bitte Orca*
 BEAKS - *s/t*
 Biblo - *Vignetting the Compost & Ambivalence Avenue*
 tUnE-yArDs - *Bird Brains*
 Nirvana - *Live at Reading*
 Kraftwerk - *(reissues)*
 Bonnie "Prince" Billy - *Beware*
 Sunn O))) - *Monoliths & Dimensions*
 Leonard Cohen - *Live at the Isle of Wight 1970 (dvd + cd)*
 (A magical performance. He's like a wise old spider on stage.)

Instrumental Interludes by Steve

Mulatu Astatke/The Hellocentrics - *Inspiration Information 3*
 Nick Barch's Ronin - *Holon*
 Marco Benevento - *Me Not Me*
 Booker T. - *Potato Hole*
 Cougar - *Patriot*
 Bill Frisell - *Disfamer*
 Sean Lennon - *Rosencrantz & Gilderstern are Undead*
 Enrico Pieranunzi/Marc Johnson/Joey Baron - *Dream Dance*
 Joshua Redman - *Compass*

DJ Sides

Ryuchi Sakamoto - *Out of Noise*
 Wilco - *Wilco (the album)*
 Baaba Maal - *Television*
 Caetano Veloso - *Zi e Zie*
 Lee Perry - *Dubsetter (on-u sound Japan)*
 Brian Eno & Peter Dinklage - *Trope/Air (iPhone apps)*
 John Foxx - *Shifting City '09 reissue*
 Love - *Lost Love*
 Ghana Special: Modern Highlife,
 Afro-Sounds & Ghanaian Blues '68 - '81
 Siamese Soul: Thai Pop Spectacular Vol. 2 '60's - '80's

Katie Serves Up Ten

Maya - *A (10')*
 Animal Collective - *Merrweather Post Pavilion*
 Fever Ray - *s/t*
 Zombi - *Where Were You in '92*
 Xeno and Oaklander - *Sentinel*
 13th Chime - *Singles 1981-1983*
 Matias Aguayo - *Ay Ay Ay*
 Arthur Russell - *Sleeping Bag Sessions*
 Cultural Decay - *Eight Ways to Start a Day*
 Cindytalk - *The Crackle of My Soul*

Colleen's Six Pack

Dan Auerbach - *Keep it Hid*
 Big Star - *Keep an Eye on the Sky (box)*
 Soulsavers - *Broken*
 Iron and Wine - *Around the Well*
 Kings of Leon - *Notion (ep)*
 Eels - *Hombre Lobo - 12 Songs of Desire*

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Summary of Opinions

Garnering the winning number of votes (7) for 2009 is:

Animal Collective

Tied for the silver with 6 votes each are:

The Flaming Lips...Grizzly Bear

5 votes each forces a three-way tie for third:

Neko Case...The Dead Weather...Wilco

4 votes were shared by many fine recording artists:

Big Star...Bonnie 'Prince' Billy...Camera Obscura
 The Clientele...Dirty Projectors...Fruit Bats
 God Help The Girl...Iron & Wine...The Lemonheads
 Monsters of Folk...AC Newman...Phoenix
 The xx...Yo La Tengo

So many worthy choices ... well, 3 of us thought so:

Dan Auerbach...David Bazan...The Bats...Built to Spill
 Bill Callahan...Julian Casablancas...The Decemberists
 Dinosaur Jr...Jay Farrar & Ben Gibbard...Girls
 Heartless Bastards...His & Her Vanities...Robyn Hitchcock
 Cass McCombs...Meat Puppets...Midwest Beat
 Buddy & Julie Miller...Joe Pernice...Pink Mountaintops
 Sonic Youth...Systems Officer...The Twilight Sad...Kurt Vile
 The Wooden Birds...Wye Oak...Yeah Yeah Yeahs

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