

Steve's *Top 20 Spins of 2015 (alphabetical)

- * The Amazing - *Picture You*
- * Eszter Ballint - *Airless Midnight*
- * Courtney Barnett - *Sometimes I Sit and Think...*
- * The Chills - *Silver Bullets*
- * Sam Cohen - *Cool It*
- * Martin Courtney - *Many Moons*
- * Dolores - *Peach Fuzz*
- * Dungen - *Allas Sak*
- * Robert Forster - *Songs to Play*
- * Gobbinjr - *Manalang*
- * Julia Holter - *Have You in My Wilderness*
- * Mary Lou Lord - *Backstreet Angels*
- * Laura Marling - *Short Movie*
- * Moving Panoramas - *One*
- * Tess Parks & Anton Newcombe - *I Declare Nothing*
- * Post Social - *Young Randolphs*
- * Jessica Pratt - *On Your Own Love Again*
- * Sleater-Kinney - *No Cities to Love*
- * Wilco - *Star Wars*
- * Yo La Tengo - *Stuff Like That There*

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BEST OF THE YEAR

2015



+ Worthy Honorable Mentions (alphabetical)

- Terry Adams - *Talk Thelonious*
- Dave & Phil Alvin - *Lost Time*
- Amazon - *Sky City*
- The Aquadolls - *Stoked On You*
- The Arcs - *Yours, Dreamily*
- Asumaya - *The Euphemist*
- Seth Avett & Jessica Lea Mayfield - *Sing Elliott Smith*
- The Bad Plus - *The Bad Plus Joshua Redman*
- Beach House - *Thank Your Lucky Stars*
- Belle and Sebastian - *Girls in Peacetime Want to Dance*
- The Bevis Frond - *Example 22*
- Blur - *The Magic Whip*
- The Bottle Rockets - *South Broadway Athletic Club*
- Calexico - *Edge of the Sun*
- Car Seat Headrest - *Teens of Style*
- Cheatahs - *Mythologies*
- The Church - *Further/Deeper*
- Samantha Crain - *Under Branch & Thorn & Tree*
- Mikal Cronin - *MCIII*
- Czarbles - *Nausea Trois*
- The Decemberists - *What a Terrible World,...*
- Destroyer - *Poison Season*
- Ducktails - *St. Catherine*
- Steve Earle - *Terraplane*
- EL VY - *Return to the Moon*
- Eleventh Dream Day - *Works for Tomorrow*
- Giant Sand - *Heartbreak Pass*
- Girlpool - *Before the World Was Big*
- José González - *Vestiges & Claws*
- Colleen Green - *I Want to Grow Up*
- Darren Hanlon - *Where Did You Come From?*
- The Juliana Hatfield Three - *Whatever, My Love*
- Richard Hawley - *Hollow Meadows*
- Heartless Bastards - *Restless Ones*
- Hospitality - *Trouble*
- Jason Isbell - *Something More Than Free*
- Jib Kidder - *Teaspoon to the Ocean*
- Jesse Jones - *s/t*
- Tommy Keene - *Laugh in the Dark*
- Mark Knopfler - *Tracker*
- Mike Krol - *Turkey*
- Halie Loren - *Butterfly Blue*
- Low - *Ones and Sixes*
- Mercury Rev - *The Light In You*
- Rhett Miller - *The Traveler*
- The Mountain Goats - *Beat the Champ*
- Martin Newell - *Teatime Assortment*
- Joanna Newsom - *Divers*
- Jim O'Rourke - *Simple Songs*
- Protomartyr - *The Agent Intellect*
- Michael Rault - *Living Daylight*
- Dave Rawlings Machine - *Nashville Obsolete*
- Roger Lion - *s/t*
- Salad Boys - *Metomania*
- Antonio Sanchez - *The Meridian Suite*
- Saun & Starr - *Look Closer*
- Shannon & the Clams - *Gone by the Dawn*
- Speedy Ortiz - *Foil Deer*

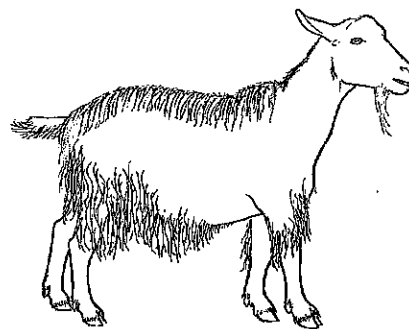
- Kelley Stoltz - *In Triangle Time*
- Surf City - *Jekyll Island*
- Surfer Blood - *1000 Palms*
- Swervedriver - *I Wasn't Born to Lose You*
- Tijuana Panthers - *Poster*
- Tomorrows Tulips - *When*
- Thae Oh Sees - *Mutilator Defeated at Last*
- Richard Thompson - *Still*
- Twerps - *Range Anxiety*
- Ultimate Painting - *Green Lanes*
- Kurt Vile - *B'lieve I'm Goin Down...*
- Ryley Walker - *Primrose Green*
- Johannes Wallmann - *Always Something*
- Kasami Washington - *The Epic*
- Waxahatchee - *Ivy Tripp*
- Weather Station - *Loyalty*
- Paul Weller - *Saturns Pattern*
- What Tyrants - *No Luck*
- Whitehorse - *Leave No Bridge Unburned*
- Cassandra Wilson - *Coming Forth by Day*
- Wire - *s/t*

- 2015 Shows that delighted (chronological order)
- "Exile On Willy Street" (various) @ High Noon Saloon
 - Robyn Hitchcock & Emma Swift @ HNS
 - The Minus 5 featuring Peter Buck @ Kiki's House
 - Swervedriver / Gateway Drugs @ HNS
 - Joe La Tengo / The X-Wives @ HNS
 - Belle and Sebastian @ Capitol Theater
 - Chuck Prophet & The Mission Express @ HNS
 - The Hussy / Screamin' Cyn Cyn / Proud Parents / Modern Mod @ HNS

- Merchandise @ HNS
- Mekons @ Mineral Point Opera House
- Jessica Pratt / Julian Lynch @ Frequency
- Shakey @ HNS
- Thao & The Get Down Stay Down @ MLK Blvd
- The New Pornographers @ MLK Blvd
- Ex Hex @ HNS
- Dolores / Modern Mod @ HNS
- Elvis Costello & The Imposters (!) @ Overture Hall
- The Hemlines @ HNS
- German Art Students / Sheshe @ HNS
- NRBQ @ HNS
- Generals And Majors @ HNS
- Low Czars @ HNS
- Bad Luck Jonathan / The Sadles @ Orton Park
- Chuck Prophet @ Kiki's
- Zappa Plays Zappa @ Barrymore
- The Bad Plus Joshua Redman @ Shannon Hall
- Jon Langford & Jean Cook @ Kiki's
- March of the Meanies @ Brinklounge
- Dash Hounds / Post Social @ Bright Red Studios
- Jaap Blonk / FOMA @ Threshold
- Yo La Tengo w/Dave Schramm @ Barrymore
- Ben Ferris Quintet @ Johnson Public House
- AND *many* shows & locations with Madison's own:
- Modern Mod
- Post Social

Claire's Best

- Nao - *February 15 EP*
- Grimes - *Art Angels*
- Missy Elliott - *WTF*
- Joanna Newsom - *Divers*
- Thundercat - *The Beyond / Where the Giants Roam*
- Father John Misty - *I Love You, Honeybear*
- Sleater-Kinney - *No Cities to Love*
- Panda Bear - *Panda Bear Meets the Grim Reaper*
- D'Angelo - *Black Messiah*



Colleen's Short List

- Moon Duo - *Shadow of the Sun*
- Mark Lanegan - *Houston Publishing Recordings 2002*
- All Them Witches - *Dying Surfer Meets His Maker*
- William Elliot Whitmore - *Radium Death*
- Vetiver - *Complete Strangers*



Jimmy's Best of 2015:

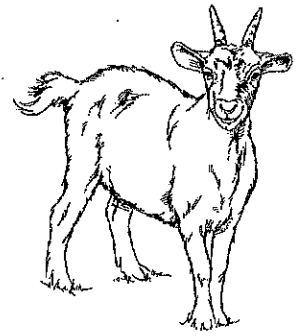
- Low - *Ones and Sixes*
- Beach House - *Depression Cherry*;
Thank Your Lucky Stars
- EL VY - *Return to the Moon*
- Robert Forster - *Songs to Play*
- Courtney Barnett - *Sometimes I Sit and Think...*
- Blur - *The Magic Whip*
- Sleater-Kinney - *No Cities to Love*
- Alabama Shakes - *Sound & Color*
- The Sonics - *This Is The Sonics*
- Suffjan Stevens - *Carrie & Lowell*
- Father John Misty - *I Love You, Honeybear*
- Destroyer - *Poison Season*
- Kurt Vile - *B'lieve i'm goin down*
- Waxahatchee - *Ivy Tripp*
- Titus Andronicus - *The Most Lamentable Tragedy*
- My Morning Jacket - *The Waterfall*
- Richard Thompson - *Still*
- The Amazing - *Picture You*
- Ducktails - *St. Catherine*
- Twerps - *Range Anxiety*
- Laura Marling - *Short Movie*
- Yo La Tengo - *Stuff Like That There*
- FFS - *FFS*
- Mark Lanegan - *Houston Publishing Demos 2002*
- Wire - *Wire*
- The Chills - *Silver Bullets*
- Salad Boys - *Metalmania*
- The Arcs - *Yours, Dreamily*
- Jesse Malin - *New York Before the War*
- Best Coast - *California Nights*
- Sam Cohen - *Cool It*
- Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds - *Chasing Yesterday*
- Death Cab For Cutie - *Kintsugi*
- Tess Parks & Anton Newcombe - *I Declare Nothing*
- Dungen - *Allas Sak*
- Tommy Keene - *Laugh In The Dark*
- Mikal Cronin - *MCII*
- Thee Oh Sees - *Mutlator Defeated at Last*
- The Hussy - *Galore*
- Ryan Adams - *Live at Carnegie Hall*
- Wilco - *Star Wars*
- Joanna Newsom - *Divers*
- Martin Courtney - *Many Moons*
- Jason Isbell - *Something More Than Free*
- Protomartyr - *The Agent Intellect*
- The Cairo Gang - *Goes Missing*
- Paul Weller - *Saturns Pattern*
- Death Cab For Cutie - *Kintsugi*
- The Church - *Further/Deeper*
- Two Gallants - *We Are Undone*
- Built To Spill - *Untethered Moon*
- James McMurty - *Complicated Game*
- Post Social - *s/t*
- Eleventh Dream Day - *Works For Tomorrow*

REISSUES:

- Rolling Stones - *Live @ The Marquee 1971; Sticky Fingers deluxe*
- Led Zeppelin - *Houses Of The Holy; Physical Graffiti*;
Presence; Coda deluxe versions
- Pixies - *Doolittle 25*
- Bob Dylan - *1965- 1966: The Best of the Cutting Edge*
- Velvet Underground - *Re Loaded deluxe; The Complete Matrix Tapes*
- Procol Harum - *Procol Harum; Shine On Brightly; A Salty Dog*
- v/a - *Ork Records: New York, New York*

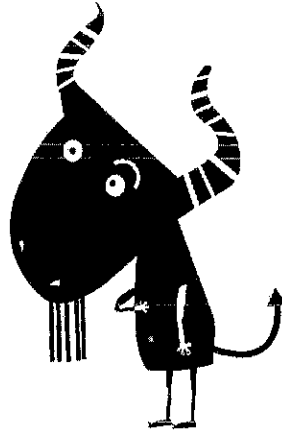
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- Floating Points - *Elaenia*
- Chris Spedding - *Joyland*
- " " *Songs without Words* (reissue of lost Harvest label album)
- Phil Manzanera - *Sound of Blue*
- The Space Lady / Burnt Ones (split release)
- Bill Nelson - *Optimism: Remastered & Expanded Edition*
- Prefuse 73 - *Through a Lit and Darkened Path Pts. 1+2*



B-Side Best of the Year 2015



Elise's 50 favorite indie pop / indie rock releases of 2015

- Beach House - *Depression Cherry; Thank Your Lucky Stars*
- Hello Sequence - *The Helio Sequence*
- Tame Impala - *Currents*
- Boy & Bear - *Limit of Love*
- EL VY - *Return to the Moon*
- José González - *Vestiges & Claws*
- Saintseneca - *Such Things*
- Courtney Barnett - *Sometimes I Sit And Think...*
- On An On - *And The Wave Has Two Sides*
- Painted Palms - *Horizons*
- CHVRCHES - *Every Open Eye*
- Beirut - *No No No*
- Vetiver - *Complete Strangers*
- Yo La Tengo - *Stuff Like That There*
- Passion Pit - *Kindred*
- Of Monsters and Men - *Beneath the Skin*
- Widowspeak - *All Yours*
- Geographer - *Ghost Modern*
- BØRNS - *Dopamine*
- Cayucas - *Dancing at the Blue Lagoon*
- The Decemberists - *What A Terrible World, What A Beautiful World*
- Seoul - *I Become A Shade*
- Telekinesis - *Ad Infinitum*
- Mikal Cronin - *MCII*
- Meet Me In Orbit - *Traveller EP*
- Best Coast - *California Nights*
- Sea of Bees - *Build a Boat to the Sun*
- The Mynabirds - *Lovers Know*
- Future of What - *Pro Dreams*
- Death Cab For Cutie - *Kintsugi*
- Happyness - *Weird Little Birthday*
- Hippo Campus - *Bashful Creatures*
- The Vaccines - *English Graffiti*
- Metric - *Pagans in Vegas*
- Belle & Sebastian - *Girls in Peacetime Want to Dance*
- Surfer Blood - *1000 Palms*
- Seapony - *A Vision*
- Small Black - *Best Blues*
- Ratatat - *Magnifique*
- The Paper Kites - *Twelvefour*
- Nyles Lannon - *Falling Inside*
- Netorare Fan Club - *Make Believe*
- Silversun Pickups - *Better Nature*
- Teen Daze - *Morning World*
- Swervedriver - *I Wasn't Born to Lose You*
- Waves - *V*
- Simian Ghost - *The Veil*
- Elwins - *Play For Keeps*
- Turbo Fruits - *No Control*
- Dados - *Individ*

Remember - *Record Store Day*
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Ralph's Faves (random order)

Sleater-Kinney - *No Cities to Love*
The Sonics - *This Is The Sonics*
Public Image Ltd - *What the World Needs Now*
Steve Earle - *Terraplane*
Yo La Tengo - *Stuff Like That There*
Ginger Baker - *Why?*
The Minus 5 - *Dungeon Gold*
Calexico - *Edge of the Sun*
Thee Oh Sees - *Mutilator Defeated at Last*
The Bottle Rockets - *South Broadway Athletic Club*
New Order - *Music Complete*

Shows:

Saw lots of great live music this year but was really surprised by
Joshua Redman w/ The Bad Plus @ Shannon Hall (local) -> Spires That in the Sunset Rise @ Good Style Shop



Allivia's Top 10 of 2015 (special guest voter)

Father John Misty - *I Love You, Honeybear*
EL VY - *Return to the Moon*
Viet Cong - *s/t*
Wavves x Cloud Nothings - *s/t*
Deerhunter - *Fading Frontier*
Kurt Vile - *B'lieve I'm Goin Down*
Ought - *Sun Coming Down*
Guster - *Evermotion*
Dilly Dally - *Sore*
Protomartyr - *The Agent Intellect*



Lesley's Favorite 10 From 2015

Jim O'Rourke - *Simple Songs*
Jessica Pratt - *On Your Own Love Again*
Joanna Newsom - *Divers*
Deerhunter - *Fading Frontier*
Sleater-Kinney - *No Cities To Love*
Kurt Vile - *B'lieve I'm Goin Down*
Little Wings - *Explains*
Yo La Tengo - *Stuff Like That There*
Sun Ra - *To Those of Earth and Other Worlds*
Bob Dylan - *The Cutting Edge 1965-1966: The Bootleg Series Volume 12*

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Best of the Year 2015



The RTQE back-of-the-napkin list of what I listened to for pleasure when I was alone and it was dark for 2015 list - Gregory host of RTQE on WORT-FM:

Harry Bertola - *Sonambient Box* [Important Records]
Biosphere / Deathprod - *Stator* [Touch]
Lawrence English - *The Peregrine* (reissue) [Room40]
Scott Fields - *Burning In Water, Drowning in Flame* [New Atlantis]
Kim Kashkashian - *Rothko Chapel* [ECM]
K. Leimer / Bill Seaman - *The Pale Catalog* [Palace of Lights]
Steven M. Miller - *Between Noise and Silence* [Innova]
Sam Prekop - *The Republic* [Thrill Jockey]
David Torn - *Only Sky* [ECM]
Wire - *Wire* [Pink Flag]

Honorable mention:

Kaitlyn Aurelia Smyth - *Euclid* [Western Vinyl]
Brian Eno - *Nerve Net / My Squeelchy Life* (reissue) [Opal]

Summary: B-Side Favorites 2015

We have a TIE for the topper with SIX VOTES EACH:

Sleater-Kinney - Yo La Tengo

The runner-up received FIVE VOTES:

Courtney Barnett

A five-way tie for third with FOUR VOTES EACH:

Mikal Cronin - EL VY - Father John Misty

Joanna Newsom - Kurt Vile

Honorably Mentioning everyone with THREE VOTES:

**The Amazing - The Arcs - Beach House - Calexico
The Church - Death Cab For Cutie - Dungen - Girlpool
José González - Jason Isbell - Low - Laura Marling
Protomartyr - Thee Oh Sees - Waxahatchee - Wire**

Notice - This list is a collection of opinions from current and former employees of B-Side Records, plus two invited guests. As always, we did not share our voting intentions with each other, in the interest of keeping it personal and subjective. Our aim is to share what we love, in hopes that our faves might also become yours. B-Side has been in the record business at 436 State Street in Madison for 33 years! THANKS for all your support - we wouldn't be here without YOU!

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