

ALPHABETICAL RECOMMENDATIONS (The next 50 have asterisks, but you could buy any of these and have your listening life improved)

Adem – Takes (Domino)
Afrissippi – Alliance (Hill Country)
Akim El Sikameya – Introducing Akim El Sikameya (Introducing)
Ampersand – This Is Not A Drill (.V#/.)
Baby Dee – Safe Inside The Day (Drag City)
Erykah Badu – New Amerikah, Part One: 4th World War (Universal Motown)
*Black Angels – Directions To See A Ghost (Light In The Attic)
The Black Keys – Attack And Release (Nonesuch)
*Black Mountain – In The Future (Jagjaguwar)
Carla Bley & Her Remarkable Big Band – Appearing Nightly (Watt/ECM)
The Blind Boys Of Alabama – Down In New Orleans (Proper)
Blue Blokes 3 – Stubble (Fledg'ling)
Bodega – Under The Counter (Greentrax)
*Bognár Szilvia/Herczku Ágnes/Szalóki Ági – Száról Szájra (Folk Europa)
*Bonnie “Prince” Billy – Is It The Sea? (BBC/Domino)
Bonnie “Prince” Billy – Lie Down In The Light (Drag City/Domino)
Billy Bragg – Mr Love & Justice (Cooking Vinyl)
Buckfever Underground – The Buckfever Underground Saves (Self released)
T Bone Burnett – Tooth Of The Crime (Nonesuch)
Glen Campbell – Meet Glen Campbell (Capitol/EMI)
*Isobel Campbell & Mark Lanegan – Sunday At Devil Dirt (V2)
Hayes Carll – Trouble In Mind (Lost Highway)
*Carlene Carter – Stronger (Yep Roc)
*Castanets – City Of Refuge (Asthmatic Kitty)
Don Cavalli – Cryland (Arag)
Chatham County Line – IV (Yep Roc)
Chiwoniso – Rebel Woman (Cumbancha)
The Clean – Mashed (Arch Hill)
Coco Solid – The Radical Bad Attack (Coco Solid)
*Ry Cooder – I, Flathead (Nonesuch)
*Elvis Costello & the Imposters – Momofoku (Lost Highway)
*Tony Cox – Blue Anthem (Sheer Sound)
*The Cracow Klezmer Band – Remembrance (Tzadik)
Creeper – The Trip (Self released)
*Rodney Crowell – Sex And Gasoline (Yep Roc)
Death Cab For Cutie – Narrow Stairs (Atlantic)
*Tony DeMarco – The Sligo Indians (Smithsonian Folkways)
Desmond & the Tutus – Tuck Shop (Awesomeland)
Bill Dixon With Exploding Star Orchestra - Bill Dixon With Exploding Star Orchestra (Thrill Jockey)
Michael Doucet – From Here On (Smithsonian Folkways)
Johnny Dowd – A Drunkard's Masterpiece (Munich)
Dozan – Introducing Dozan (Introducing)
Drever McCusker Woomble – Before The Ruin (Navigator)
Drumbo – City Of Refuge (Proper)
Jakob Dylan – Seeing Things (Sony)
Justin Townes Earle – The Good Life (Bloodshot)
*Mathias Eick – The Door (ECM)
Elbow – The Seldom Seen Kid (Polydor)
*Joe Ely & Joel Guzman – Live Cactus! (Rack 'Em)
Endless Boogie – Focus Level (No Quarter)
Faustus – Faustus (Navigator)
*The Felice Brothers – The Felice Brothers (Loose)
The Fireman – Electric Arguments (ATO/One Little Indian)
Johnny Flynn – A Larum (Mercury)
Foxboro Hot Tubs – Stop Drop And Roll (Jingle Town)
*Dick Gaughan – Live! At The Trade's Club (Greentrax)
*Giant Sand – proVISIONS (Yep Roc)
Glasvegas – Glasvegas (Columbia)
Gnarls Barkley – The Odd Couple (Downtown/Atlantic)
*Grails – Doomsdayers Holiday (Temporary Residence)

Grand Archives – Grand Archives (Sub Pop)
*Al Green – Lay It Down (Blue Note)
Johnny Greenwood – There Will Be Blood (Nonesuch)
Larkin Grimm – Parplar (Young God)
*The Gutter Twins – Saturnalia (Sub Pop)
Buddy Guy – Skin Deep (Silvertone)
Charlie Haden Family & Friends – Rambling Boy (Decca)
*Mary Hampton – My Mother’s Children (Drift)
Harvey Milk – Life ... The Best Game In Town (Hydra Head)
*Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill – Welcome Here Again (Green Linnet/Compass)
*Micah P Hinson & the Red Empire Orchestra - Micah P Hinson & the Red Empire Orchestra (Full Time Hobby)
Jolie Holland – The Living And The Dead (Anti-)
*Howlin’ Rain – Magnificent Fiend (Birdman/American)
I See Hawks In LA – Hallowed Ground (Big Book)
The Iguanas – If You Should Ever Fall On Hard Times (Yep Roc)
Joan As Police Woman – To Survive (Reveal)
Sharon Jones & the Dap Kings – 100 Days, 100 Nights (Daptone)
Kayhan Kalhor & Brooklyn Rider – Silent City (World Village)
Seckou Keita SKQ – The Silimbo Passage (World Adventures)
Ray La Montagne – Gossip In The Grain (14th Floor)
Dawn Landes – Fireproof (Cooking Vinyl)
Sonny Landreth – From The Reach (Landfall)
Lau – Live (Navigator)
Jim Lauderdale & the Dream Players – Honey Songs (Yep Roc)
Jeana Leslie & Siobhan Miller – In A Bleeze (Greentrax)
*Jenny Lewis – Acid Tongue (Rough Trade)
Guiseppe Logan Quartet – The Guiseppe Logan Quartet (ESP-Disk)
*Gary Louris – Vagabonds (Rykodisc)
Andy Lund & the Mission Men – Soundtrack For A Muted Heart (Self released)
Shelby Lynne – Just A Little Lovin’ (Lost Highway)
*The Magnetic Fields – Distortion (Nonesuch)
Malinky – Flower And Iron (Greentrax)
*Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks – Real Emotional Trash (Domino)
Marah – Angels Of Destruction (Yep Roc)
The Mars Volta – The Bedlam In Goliath (Universal)
Pat Metheny Trio – Day Trip (Nonesuch) / Tokyo Day Trip EP (Nonesuch)
*Edgar Meyer & Chris Thile – Edgar Meyer & Chris Thile (Nonesuch)
*Jun Miyake – Stolen From Strangers (Yellowbird)
*Bob Mould – District Line (Beggars Banquet)
Mudhoney – The Lucky Ones (Sub Pop)
My Morning Jacket – Evil Urges (ATO/Rough Trade)
Willie Nelson & Wynton Marsalis – Two Men With The Blues (Blue Note)
Steve Newman – Flavour (Peace Of Eden)
North Mississippi Allstars –Hernando (Songs Of The South)
Conor Oberst – Conor Oberst (Wichita)
*Old Crow Medicine Show – Tennessee Pusher (Nettwerk)
*Old 97s – Blame It On Gravity (New West)
*Mark Olson & Gary Louris – Ready For The Flood (New West)
Perunika Trio – Introducing Perunika Trio (Introducing)
Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band – The Whole Fam Damnily (Side One Dummy)
Pit er Pat – High Time (Thrill Jockey)
Robert Pollard – Robert Pollard Is Off To Business (Guided By Voices)
*Karine Polwart – This Earthly Spell (Proper)
Port O’Brien – All We Could Do Was Sing (City Slang)
Cat Power – Jukebox (Matador)
*Radio Kalahari Orkes – Die Nagloper (Terraplane)
Red Earth & Rust – Look For Me (Self released)
R.E.M. – Accelerate (Warner Bros)
*Jack Rose – Dr Ragtime & Pals / Self Titled (Beautiful Happiness)
Arlen Roth – Toolin’ Round Woodstock (Aquinnah)
The Saturday Knights – Mingle (Light In The Attic)
Sic Alps – US EZ (Siltbreeze)

*Sigur Rós – Með Suð I Eyrum Við Spilum Endalaust (XL/EMI)
 *Silver Jews – Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea (Drag City)
 SJD – Dayglo Spectres (Universal)
 Spam Allstars – Introducing Spam Allstars (Introducing)
 Spectrum Meets Captain Memphis -Indian Giver (Birdman)
 *Spiritualized – Songs In A & E (Castle)
 Mavis Staples – Live: Hope At The Hideout (Anti-)
 Bobo Stenson – Cantando (ECM)
 *Sun Kil Moon – April (Caldo Verde)
 Valiant Swart – Vrydagaand/Saterdagaand (Rhythm)
 James Tartaglia's Free Funk Assembly – Dark Metaphysic (Jazz Direct)
 Howard Tate – Blue Day (Evidence)
 Irma Thomas – Simply Grand (Rounder)
 Teddy Thompson – A Piece Of What You Need (Verve Forecast)
 *Tony Trischka – Territory (Smithsonian Folkways)
 *McCoy Tyner – Quartet (Half Note) / Guitars (Half Note)
 Nibs van der Spuy – A Bird In The Hand (2 Feet/Sheer Sound) / Autumn Light (Greenhouse)
 Vetiver – Thing Of The Past (Fat Cat)
 Mr David Viner – Among The Rumours And The Rye (Loose)
 Waco Brothers – Waco Express: Live And Kickin' At Schubas Tavern, Chicago (Bloodshot)
 Loudon Wainwright III – Recovery (Yep Roc)
 Martha Wainwright – I Know You're Married But I've Got Feelings Too (Zoe)
 *Abigail Washburn & the Sparrow Quartet – Abigail Washburn & the Sparrow Quartet (Nettwerk)
 *White Denim – Workout Holiday (Full Time Hobby)
 *Willard Grant Conspiracy – Pilgrim Road (Loose)
 *Lucinda Williams – Little Honey (Lost Highway)
 Brian Wilson – That Lucky Old Sun (Capitol)
 *Larry Jon Wilson – Larry Jon Wilson (1965)
 *James Yorkston – When The Haar Rolls In (Domino)
 Yuganaut – This Musicship (ESP-Disk)

ALPHABETICAL COMPILATIONS, REISSUES, HISTORICAL LIVE ALBUMS ETC

Buena Vista Social Club – At Carnegie Hall (World Circuit)
 The Byrds – Live At The Albert Hall 1971 (Sundazed)
 Don Cherry – Live At Café Montmartre 1966 Vol 2 (ESP-Disk)
 Gene Clark – Silverado '75 (Live & Unreleased) (Collectors' Choice)
 Ornette Coleman – Town Hall 1962 (ESP-Disk)
 Karen Dalton – Green Rocky Road: The Loop Tapes (Megaphone)
 Dillard & Clark – The Fantastic Expedition Of Dillard & Clark (Water)
 Steve Earle – Copperhead Road: Deluxe Edition (Geffen)
 Roky Erickson & the Explosives – Halloween (Norton/SteadyBoy)
 Alemayeshu Eshete – Ethiopiques 22 (Buda)
 Julie Fowlis – Cuilidh (Special Edition) (Shoeshine)
 Freedom's Children – Astra/Battle Hymn Of The Broken Hearted Horde/Galactic Vibes (Normal box)
 Mary Gauthier – Genesis (The Early Years) (Proper)
 Billie Holiday – Rare Live Recordings 1934-1959 (ESP-Disk)
 Jason & the Scorchers – EMI Years (Acadia)
 Kluster – 1970-1971 (Water)
 Laika & the Cosmonauts – Cosmopolis 1988-2008 (Yep Roc)
 Lemonheads – It's A Shame About Ray: Collector's Edition (Atlantic/Rhino)
 Nick Lowe – Jesus Of Cool (Proper)
 Ewan MacColl – Radio Ballads series (Topic)
 The Chris McGregor Group – Very Urgent (Fledg'ling)
 The Chris McGregor Septet – Up To Earth (Fledg'ling)
 The Chris McGregor Trio – Our Prayer (Fledg'ling)
 Mission Of Burma – Signals, Calls And Marches (Matador)
 Van Morrison – Tupelo Honey / Veedon Fleece / It's Too Late To Stop Now / Into The Music (Exile/Polydor)
 Mudhoney – Superfuzz Bigmuff: Deluxe Edition (Sub Pop)
 Plush – Fed (Broken Horse)
 Famous L. Renfroe as The Flying Sweet Angel Of Joy - Children (Big Legal Mess)
 The Replacements – Tim (Sire/Rhino) / Pleased To Meet Me (Sire/Rhino)

Horace Silver – Live At Newport '58 (Blue Note)
PF Sloan – Here's Where I Belong: The Best Of The Dunhill Years 1965-67 (Ace)
The Smiths – The Sound Of The Smiths (Rhino)
The Stanley Brothers – Ralph & Carter: The Later King Years (Ace)
Sunnyland Slim / Johnny Shines – The Complete Blue Horizon Sessions (Blue Horizon)
Taj Mahal Travellers – Live Stockholm July, 1971 (Drone Syndicate)
Chip Taylor – New Songs Of Freedom (Trainwreck)
The Triffids – The Black Swan / Beautiful Waste And Other Songs / Treeless Plain (Domino)
Various – A National Treasure: A Celebration Of The Music Of Gordon Duncan (Greentrax)
Various – Always Lift Him Up: A Tribute To Blind Alfred Reed (Proper)
Various – Black Mirror: Reflections In Global Musics (Dust-To-Digital)
Various – Desert Blues 3 (Network)
Various – Droppin' Science: Greatest Samples From The Blue Note Lab (Blue Note)
Various – Eccentric Soul: The Tragar And Note Labels (Numero)
Various – Far, Far From Ypres: Songs, Poems and Music of World War I (Greentrax)
Various – Funky Nassau: The Compass Point Story 1980-1986 (Strut)
Various – Give Me Love: Songs Of The Brokenhearted – Baghdad 1925-1929 (Honest Jon's)
Various – Highlife Time: Nigerian and Ghanaian Sounds From The '60s and Early '70s (VampiSoul)
Various – In The Pines: Tar Heel Folk Songs And Fiddle Tunes 1926-1936 (Old Hat)
Various – Living Is Hard: West African Music In Britain 1927-1929 (Honest Jon's)
Various – Nigeria 70: Lagos Jump (K7R)
Various – Rough Guides to Japan, Mali, Congo Gold, Calypso Gold, Hungarian Gypsies, Romanian Gypsies, Klezmer Revival, Klezmer Revolution etc (World Music Network)
Various – Theme Time Radio Hour With Your Host Bob Dylan (Ace)
Various – Victrola Favourites: Artifacts From Bygone Days (Dust-To-Digital)
Whiskeytown – Stranger's Almanac (Deluxe Edition)
Robert Wyatt – Rock Bottom (Domino)
Neil Young – Sugar Mountain: Live At Canterbury House 1968 (Reprise)
Warren Zevon – Warren Zevon (Asylum/Rhino)