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## 2012:

Top 10 for 2012:

1. Om *Advaitic Songs* (Drag City)
2. Neil Young & Crazy Horse *Psychedelic Pill* (Reprise Records)
3. Swans *The Seer* (Young God Records)
4. Scott Walker *Bish Bosch* (4AD)
5. Cyclobe *Sulphur-Tarot Garden* (Phantom Code)
6. Nazoranai *Nazoranai* (Ideologic Organ/Editions Mego)
7. Emeralds *Just to Feel Anything* (Editions Mego)
8. Dirty Three *Toward the Low Sun* (Drag City)
9. KTL *V* (Editions Mego)
10. Neneh Cherry & The Thing *That Cherry Thing* (Smalltown Supersound)

## 2009:

Top five of 2009:

1. Emeralds *Emeralds* (Wagon)
2. Purling Hiss *Purling Hiss* (Archive)
3. White *White* (Open Note)
4. Nurse With Wound *The Memory Surface* (United Dirter)
5. Up-Tight *The Beginning of the End* (8MM)

And some other fine albums I listened to in 2009:

Aidan Baker & Thisquietarmy *Picture of a Picture* (Killer Pimp)  
Bonnie 'Prince' Billy *Beware* (Drag City/Domino)  
Boys of Summer *Pharaoh* (Munitions Family)  
Boys of Summer *V* (Munitions Family)  
Vic Chesnutt *At the Cut* (Constellation)  
Clues *Clues* (Constellation)  
Current 93 *Aleph at Hallucinatory Mountain* (Coptic Cat)  
Dead Letters Spell Out Dead Words *Lost in Reflections* (Killer Pimp)  
John Edwards & Chris Corsano *Tsktsking* (Dancing Wayang)  
Elfin Saddle *Ringing for the Begin Again* (Constellation)  
Emeralds *What Happened* (No Fun)  
Emeralds/Pain Jerk *European Tour 2009* (No-Fi)  
Faust *C'est Com... Com... Complicqué* (Bureau B)  
Flower-Corsano Duo *The Four Aims* (VHF)  
Gnaw *This Face* (Conspiracy)  
Group Doueh *Treeg Salaam* (Sublime Frequencies)  
Jim Haynes *Sever* (Intrasensitive)  
Hoor-paar-Kraat *Taxonomy of Divine Organisms* (Goat Eater Arts)  
Land of Kush *Against the Day* (Constellation)  
Liturgy *Renihilation* (20 Buck Spin)  
Phill Niblock *Touch Strings* (Touch)  
Nurse With Wound *May the Fleas of a Thousand Camels Infest Your Armpits* (United Dairies)  
Nurse With Wound *Paranoia in Hi-Fi* (United Dirter)  
Nurse With Wound *Space Music* (Beta-lactam Ring Records)  
Om *God is Good* (Drag City)  
The One Ensemble Orchestra *Other Thunders* (No-Fi)  
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*Release*  
(Kranky)  
A Place to Bury Strangers *Exploding Head* (Mute)  
Shrinebuilder *Shrinebuilder* (Neurot)  
Six Organs of Admittance *Luminous Night* (Drag City)  
SoiSong xAj3z (SoiSong)  
Sunn O))) *Monoliths & Dimensions* (Southern Lord)  
Supersilent 9 (Rune Grammofon)  
This Immortal Coil *The Dark Age of Love* (Ici d'Ailleurs)  
Tunnels *In Between Dreams* (Peasant Magik)

White Rainbow *New Clouds* (Kranky)  
Jana Winderen *Heated: Live in Japan* (Touch)  
Wino *Punctuated Equilibrium* (Southern Lord)  
Wolves in the Throne Room *Black Cascade* (Southern Lord)  
Wraiths *The Grey Emperor* (At War with False Noise)  
Yellow Swans *Mort aux Vaches* (Staalplaat)

And my top 5 singles/EPs of 2009:

1. Hoor-paar-Kraat/Drowning the Virgin Silence *A Hare of the Table That Pet You* (Goat Eater Arts)
2. Nadja *Clinging to the Edge of the Sky* (Vendetta Records)
3. Blue Sabbath Black Cheer & irr. app. (ext.) *Skeletal Imposition* (Gnarled Forest)
4. Emeralds *Fresh Air* (Soundesign)
5. Bohren & Der Club of Gore *Mitleid Lady* (Latitudes)

Some nice reissues and compilations from 2009:

*1970s Proto-Rai Underground* (Sublime Frequencies)  
*An Anthology of Chinese Experimental Music: 1992-2008* (Sub Rosa)  
The Gavin Bryars Ensemble *The Sinking of the Titanic* (LTM)  
Cluster *Curiosum* (Bureau B)  
Cluster & Eno *Cluster & Eno* (Bureau B)  
Luc Ferrari *Archives Génétiquement Modifiées/Société II* (Robot Records)  
Luc Ferrari *Dialogue Ordinaire avec la Machine/Sexolidad* (Elica)  
Luc Ferrari *L'Oeuvre Électronique* (INA/GRM)  
Foetus *Limb* (Ectopic Ents)  
Incapacitants *Box is Stupid* (Pica)  
Nurse With Wound *Chance Meeting on a Dissecting Table of a Sewing Machine and an Umbrella* (United Dirter)  
Nurse With Wound *Flawed Existence* (Vinyl on Demand)  
Nurse With Wound *Spiral Insana* (United Jnana)

Pere Ubu *Datapanik in the Year Zero* (Cooking Vinyl)

*Siamese Soul: Thai Pop Spectacular 1960s-1980s Vol. 2* (Sublime Frequencies)

Steven Stapleton/Tony Wakeford *Revenge of the Selfish Shellfish* (Robot Records)

J.G. Thirlwell *The Venture Bros: The Music of... Vol. 1* (Williams Street)

## 2008:

Top five of 2008:

1. Emeralds *Solar Bridge* (Hanson)
2. Bonnie 'Prince' Billy with Harem Scarem & Alex Neilson *Is it the Sea?* (Domino)
3. Thee Silver Mt. Zion Memorial Orchestra & Tra-La-La Band *13 Blues for Thirteen Moons* (Constellation)
4. Larkin Grimm *Parplar* (Young God)
5. The Jimmy Cake *Spectre & Crown* (Pilatus Records)

And some other fine albums I listened to in 2008:

Ascend *Ample Fire Within* (Southern Lord)

Autechre *Quaristice* (Warp)

Benoit Pioulard *Temper* (Kranky)

Boduf Songs *How Shadows Chase the Balance* (Kranky)

Bohren & Der Club of Gore *Dolores* (Ipecac)

The Bug *London Zoo* (Ninja Tune)

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds *Dig!!! Lazarus, Dig!!!* (Mute)

Vic Chesnutt, Elf Power and the Amorphous Strums *Dark Developments* (Orange Twin)  
Coil *The New Backwards* (Threshold House)  
Earth *The Bees Made Honey in the Lion's Skull* (Southern Lord)  
Lawrence English *Kiri No Oto* (Touch)  
Evangelista *Hello, Voyager* (Constellation)  
Fire On Fire *The Orchard* (Young God)  
5ive *Hesperus* (Tortuga)  
Diamanda Galás *Guilty Guilty Guilty* (Mute)  
Grails *Take Refuge in Clean Living* (Important)  
Hoor-Paar-Kraat *In Eros Veritas* (Goat Eater Arts)  
Human Greed *Black Hill: Midnight at the Blighted Star* (Lumberton Trading Company)  
Ryoji Ikeda *Test Pattern* (Raster-Noton)  
Philip Jeck *Sand* (Touch)  
Zbigniew Karkowski & Tetsuo Furudate with Zeitkratzer *World As Will III* (Sub Rosa)  
Kikuri *Pulverised Purple* (Victo)  
Melvins *Nude With Boots* (Ipecac)  
Moss *Sub Templum* (Rise Above)  
Nurse With Wound *Huffin' Rag Blues* (United Dirter)  
Ocean *Pantheon of the Lesser* (Important)  
Parking Non-Stop *Species Corridor* (Klangbad)  
Portishead *Third* (Universal)  
Diana Rogerson & Andrew Liles *No Birds Do Sing* (United Dirter)  
SoiSong (self-released)  
Sunn O))) *Dømkirke* (Southern Lord)  
The Threshold HouseBoys Choir *Amulet Edition* (self-released)  
Tindersticks *The Hungry Saw* (Beggars Banquet/Constellation)  
Kazuki Tomokawa *Blue Water, Red Water* (PSF Records)  
Alexander Tucker *Portal* (ATP)  
Windy & Carl *Songs for the Broken Hearted* (Kranky)

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1. Andrew Liles & Fovea Hex *Gone Every Morning* (Die Stadt)
2. Nurse With Wound *The Bacteria Magnet* (United Dirter)
3. To Kill a Petty Bourgeoisie *Iron Cross* (self-released)
4. Halves *Haunt Me When I'm Drowsy* (Hate is the Enemy)
5. White Magic *New Egypt* (Latitudes)

Some nice reissues and compilations from 2008:

*An Anthology of Noise & Electronic Music: Fifth A-Chronology* (Sub Rosa)  
Aphex Twin *Selected Ambient Works 85-92* (R&S Records)  
Aphex Twin *Classics* (R&S Records)  
Current 93 *Nature Unveiled* (Durtro Jnana)  
Current 93 *Dawn* (Durtro Jnana)  
The Hafler Trio *Dislocation* (Korm Plastics)  
irr. app. (ext.) *Aspiring to an Empty Gesture Volume 1* (Errata in Excelsus)  
Kluster *Admira* (Important)  
Kluster *Vulcano* (Important)  
Loop *Heaven's End* (Reactor)  
Loop *Fade Out* (Reactor)  
Matmos *The West* (Autofact)  
Mogwai *Young Team* (Chemikal Underground Records)  
The Residents *Duck Stab!* (Mute)  
The Residents *Eskimo* (Mute)  
Sunn O))) *00 Void* (Daymare Recordings)  
Sun Ra *Some Blues But Not the Kind That's Blue* (Atavistic)  
Sun Ra & His Solar Arkestra *Secrets of the Sun* (Atavistic)