

Jon began his music career at the age of 14 as a disc jockey for [WMUA](#) at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and currently spins at

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at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. At 18 he moved to New York and interned at three major record companies. He moved back to Boston at 19 and began working part time with one more until graduating from Northeastern University with a bachelors degree (double concentration of music and business). Jon also currently DJs/VJs a music video night,

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regularly in the Boston area and irregularly elsewhere.

Jon began Brainwashed.com in April of 1996 to host websites for some bands that needed some representaiton on the web. In 1998, he began the weekly magazine *The Brain* as a weekly digest for the staff and contributors of Brainwashed to keep tabs on each other featuring the news of the bands and labels whose Web sites are hosted at Brainwashed, to post brief reviews of music that we're listening to, release dates, and in 2003 began producing video segments for the Web site featuring exclusive interviews and live footage of some of today's most innovative independent artists.

The Brain

was retired in 2005 to make way for the new Brainwashed.com which is nearly the same thing: a weekly dose of independent music and information.

Jon's personal website is [turbid.com](#) .

2015 picks:

the full lengthers

- Sir Richard Bishop, "Tangier Sessions"
- Boduf Songs, "Stench of Exist"
- Carter Tutti Void, "f (x)"
- Celer, "How could you believe me when I said I loved you when you know I've been a liar all my life"
- Colleen, "Captain of None"
- Sarah Davachi, "Barons Court"
- Disappears, "Irreal"
- Four Tet, "Morning/Evening"
- Hox, "Duke of York"
- Kinski, "7 (or 8)"
- Land, "Anoxia"
- Low, "Ones and Sixes"

- Lycia, "A Line That Connects"
- Drew McDowall, "Collapse"
- Dean McPhee, "Fatima's Hand"
- Reanimator, "Damaged Birds"
- Simon Scott, "Insomni"
- The Soft Pink Truth, "Why Pay More?"
- Thighpaulsandra, "The Golden Communion"
- Valet, "Nature"
- Christina Vantzou, "Nº3"
- Wire, "Wire"

the singles

- Colder, "Turn Your Back"
- Jay-Jay Johanson, "Moonshine"
- Loop, "Array 1"
- Marcus Marr, "Brown Sauce"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "KASM02"
- Laetitia Sadier, "Dry Fruit"

old things

- Carter Tutti Plays Chris & Cosey
- Volcano the Bear, "Commencing"

2014 picks:

the full lengths

- A Winged Victory for the Sullen, "Atomos"
- Caribou, "Our Love"
- Celer, "Sky Limits"
- Sarah Davachi, "August Harp"
- FKA Twigs, "LP1"
- Grouper, "Ruins"
- Carl Hultgren, "Tomorrow"
- K. Michelle, "Still No Fucks Given"
- Leyland Kirby, "We drink to forget the coming storm"

- Lamb, "Backspace Unwind"
- Klara Lewis, "Ett"
- Locust, "After the Rain"
- Loscil, "Sea Island"
- Marissa Nadler, "July"
- Tara Jane O'Neil, "Where Shine New Lights"
- Laetitia Sadier, "Something Shines"
- Swans, "To Be Kind"
- Christina Vantzou, "Nº2"
- Zola Jesus, "Taiga"

the singles

- A Winged Victory for the Sullen, "Atomos VII"
- Al Cisneros, "Toward Nazareth"
- De La Soul, "Smell The D.A.I.S.Y."
- Erasure, "Sacred"
- Mazzy Star, "I'm Less Here"
- Prince, "FallinLove2nite"
- Royksopp & Robyn, "Do It Again"
- Stars, "From the Night"
- Windy & Carl, "I Walked Alone/At Night"

old things

- Edvard Graham Lewis, "All Over" & "All Under"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "12 Steps Off The Path"
- Songs: Ohia, "Didn't It Rain (redux)"
- Swans, "Filth"

2013 picks:

the full lengths

- Marisa Anderson, "Mercury"
- Black Hearted Brother, "Stars Are Our Home"
- Boduf Songs, "Burnt Up On Re-Entry"
- Broadcast, "Berberian Sound Studio"

- Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, "Push the Sky Away"
- Sarah Davachi, "The Untuning of the Sky"
- Disappears, "Era"
- Foetus, "Soak"
- Four Tet, "Beautiful Rewind"
- Robert Haigh, "Darkling Streams"
- Jesu, "Everyday I Get Closer To The Light From Which I Came"
- Lisa Germano, "No Elephants"
- Glenn Jones, "My Garden State"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "The Gethsemane Option" & "Taos Hum"
- Low, "The Invisible Way"
- Mazzy Star, "Seasons of Your Day"
- OMD, "English Electric"
- The Stranger, "Watching Dead Empires In Decay"
- Throwing Muses, "Purgatory/Paradise"
- [V/A], "SMM: Opiate"

the singles

- A\$AP Rocky, "Fuckin' Problems"
- Chvrches, "The Mother We Share"
- FKA Twigs, "EP2"
- Om, "Addis Dubplate" & "Gethsemane Dubplate"
- OMD, "Dresden"
- Pale Sketcher, "Warm Sunday"
- Prince, "Groovy Potential"
- Windy & Carl, "Calliope/Carnivale"

old things

- Cabaret Voltaire "#8385 Collected Works"
- Ladytron, "Gravity the Seducer Remixes" (much better than the album!)
- Natural Snow Buildings / Isengrind / Twinsistermoon, "The Snowbringer Cult"
- Songs: Ohia, "Hecla & Griper" and "The Magnolia Electric Co"

2012 picks:

the full lengths

- Jessica Bailiff, "At the Down-Turned Jagged Rim of the Sky"
- Mark Eitzel, "Don't Be a Stranger"
- Fontanelle, "Vitamin F"
- Four Tet, "Pink"
- Neil Halsted, "Palindrome Hunches"
- Vikki Jackman, "A Paper Doll's Whisper of Spring"
- Dean McPhee, "Son of the Black Peace"
- Bob Mould, "Silver Age"
- Laetitia Saider, "Silencio"
- Landing, "Landing"
- Om, "Adviatic Songs"
- Simon Scott, "Below Sea Level"
- Swans, "The Seer"
- Troller, "Troller"
- Windy & Carl, "We Will Always Be"
- X-TG, "Desertshore/The Final Report"
- Zoviet France, "7.10.12"

the singles

- A Place To Bury Strangers, "Onwards to the Wall"
- The Big Pink, "Hit the Ground (Superman)"
- FK Twigs, "EP1"
- Hot Chip, "Let Me Be Him"
- Jesu, "Duchess/Veiled"
- Marcus Marr, "The Music"
- Matmos, "The Ganzfeld EP"
- Sandro Perri, "Changes/Love & Light"
- Retribution Gospel Choir, "The Revolution"
- Sandoz, "Holding On"
- Stars, "Hold On When You Get Love"
- Telefon Tel Aviv, "The Birds"

old things

- Daphni, "Jiaolong"
- Eleh, "Radiant Intervals"
- Grouper, "A 1 A"
- David Lynch & Alan Splet, "Eraserhead" soundtrack

- Bob Mould & Sugar reissues
- Scientist, "The Greatest Dub Album in the World" & "In the Kingdom of Dub"

2011 picks:

the full lengths

- A Winged Victory for the Sullen
- Andrew Chalk, "Violin By Night"
- Belong, "Common Era"
- The Caretaker, "An Empty Bliss Beyond This World"
- Charalambides, "Exile"
- Dead Letters Spell Out Dead Words, "Dreadcade"
- Robert Haigh, "Strange and Secret Things"
- Fovea Hex, "Here Is Where We Used To Sing"
- Jesu, "Ascension"
- Jim O'Rourke & Christoph Heemann, "Plastic Palace People" 1 & 2
- Kate Bush, "50 Words for Snow" & "Director's Cut"
- Lamb, "5"
- Leyland Kirby, "Eager to Tear Apart the Stars"
- Manorexia, "Dinoflagellate Blooms"
- Marissa Nadler, "Marissa Nadler" & "Covers 2"
- Rivulets, "We're Fucked"
- Six Organs of Admittance, "Asleep on the Floodplain"
- This Will Destroy You, "Tunnel Blanket"
- Tim Hecker, "Ravedeath, 1972" & "Dropped Pianos"
- Wire, "Red Barked Tree"
- Zola Jesus, "Conatus"

the singles

- Antony & The Johnsons, "Swanlights EP"
- James Blackshaw, "Holly EP"
- Ceremony, "Extended Play" & "Not Tonight"
- Marissa Nadler, "Rain Arrangement"
- Mazzy Star, "Lay Myself/Common Burn"
- Pale Sketcher, "Seventh Heaven"
- The Primitives, "Never Kill a Secret"
- The Sea and Cake, "The Moonlight Butterfly"

old things

- This Mortal Coil box

2010 picks:

full lengths worth keeping

- ANBB, "Mimikry"
- Andrew Chalk, "Ghost of Nakhodka"
- Boduf Songs, "This Alone Above All Else In Spite Of Everything"
- Bomb the Bass, "Back to Light"
- Brian McBride, "The Effective Disconnect"
- Caribou, "Swim"
- Ceremony, "Rocket Fire" (duh)
- Current 93, "Baalstorm Sing Omega"
- Death In June, "Peaceful Snow"
- Eleh, "Location Momentum"
- The Fall, "Your Future, Our Clutter"
- Film School, "Fission"
- Foetus, "Hide"
- Four Tet, "There Is Love In You"
- Gil Scott-Heron, "I'm New Here"
- Jack Rose, "Luck in the Valley"
- JG Thirlwell, "Manorexia: The Mesopelagic Waters"
- Kristin Hersh, "Crooked"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "Seconds Late for the Brighton Line"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "Answers Come In Dreams"
- Michael Gira, "I Am Not Insane"
- Monster Movie, "Everyone Is a Ghost"
- Pan Sonic, "Gravitoni"
- Robert Haigh, "Anonymous Lights"
- Soundpool, "Mirrors In Your Eyes" (duh)
- Swans, "My Father Will Guide Me Up a Rope to the Sky"
- 27, "Brittle Divinity"
- Twinsistermoon, "Then Fell the Ashes"
- Young Hunting, "Attachment In A Child and the Subsequent Condition"
- [V/A], "Cold Waves & Minimal Electronics Vol. One"
- [V/A], "We Are All One, In the Sun"

singles of note

- Ceremony, "Someday" (shut up and listen, it's good for you)
- Delia & Gavin, "Track 5"
- Dolby Anol, "Sandy Bitches"
- Fovea Hex, "Hail Hope!"
- Jesu, "Dethroned"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "Totally Together"
- Zola Jesus, "Stridulum"
- Zola Jesus, "Valusia"

old things

- Slowdive, "Pygmalion"
- Godflesh, "Streetcleaner Redux"
- Wire, "Send Redux"

Favorites of 2009:

full-length things

- A Place To Bury Strangers, "Exploding Head"
- Annie, "Don't Stop"
- James Blackshaw, "The Cloud of Unknowing"
- The Church, "Untitled #23"
- Cranes, "Cranes"
- Dälek, "Gutter Tactics"
- Dead Letters Spell Out Dead Words, "Lost In Reflections"
- Glenn Jones, "Barbecue Bob In Fishtown"
- Land of Kush, "Against the Day"
- Magnolia Electric Co., "Josephine"
- Marissa Nadler, "Little Hells"
- Six Organs of Admittance, "Luminous Night"
- Skull Defekts, "The Temple"
- Telefon Tel Aviv, "Immolate Yourself"
- JG Thirlwell, "The Venture Bros. Soundtrack vol. 1"
- This Immortal Coil, "The Dark Age of Love"
- To Kill a Petty Bourgeoisie, "Marlone"

singles & things

- Broadcast & The Focus Group, "...Investigate with Cults of the Radio Age"
- Deerhunter, "Rainwater Cassette Exchange"
- Four Tet, "Love Cry"
- Greymachine, "Vultures Descend"
- Gusgus, "Add This Song"
- Jesu, "Opiate Sun"
- Ulterior, "Sister Speed/Aporia"

old things

- Einstürzende Neubauten, "Ende Neu"
- Loop, "A Gilded Eternity"
- Loop, "The World In Your Eyes"

music videos

- Antony & the Johnsons, "Epilepsy is Dancing"
- Depeche Mode, "Wrong"
- El Perro Del Mar, "Change Of Heart"
- To Kill a Petty Bourgeoisie, "The Needle"
- Ulterior, "15"

Favorites of 2008:

full-length things

- All the Saints, "Fire On Corridor X"
- James Blackshaw, "Litany of Echoes"
- Boduf Songs, "How Shadows Chase the Balance"
- Bohren und der Club der Gore, "Dolores"
- Bomb the Bass, "Future Chaos"
- Christina Carter, "Masque Femine"
- Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, "Dig!!! Lazarus Dig!!!"
- Diamanda Galás, "Guilty! Guilty! Guilty!"
- Grails, "Take Refuge in Clean Living"
- Robert Haigh, "Written On Water"
- Ida, "Lovers Prayers"
- Ryoji Ikeda, "Test Pattern"
- Vikki Jackman, "Whispering Pages"
- Grace Jones, "Hurricane"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "Plutonium Blonde"
- Matmos, "Supreme Balloon"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "Autoimmune"
- The New Year, "The New Year"
- Daniel Padden, "Pause for the Jet"
- Jack Rose, "Dr. Ragtime and His Pals / Self-Titled"
- Susanna, "Flower of Evil"
- Wire, "Object 47"
- Thalia Zedek, "Lovers & Prayers"

singles & things

- Antony & the Johnsons, "Another World"
- Jessica Bailiff and Annelise Monseré
- Current 93, "Birth Canal Blues"
- Four Tet, "Ringer"
- Jesu, "Why Are We Not Perfect?"
- Nudge, "Infinity Padlock"

old things

- 23 Skidoo, "Urban Gamelan"
- 23 Skidoo, "Seven Songs"
- Coil, "The New Backwards"
- Current 93, "Dogs Blood Rising"

- Current 93, "Natuire Unveiled"
- Greater Than One, "All the Masters Licked Me"
- Greater Than One, "London"
- Greater Than One, "G-Force"
- Loop, "Heaven's End"
- Loop, "Fade Out"
- Gordon Mumma, "Piano Works"
- Nurse With Wound, "Gyllenskold, Geijerstam, and I at Rydberg's"
- Section 25, "Dirty Disco"

music videos

- Antony & the Johnsons, "Another World"
- Boduf Songs, "Pitiful Shadow Engulfed In Darkness"
- Bomb the Bass, "Butterfingers"
- Bomb the Bass, "So Special"
- The BPA, "Toe Jam"
- Hercules & Love Affair, "Blind"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "Rainbows Too?"
- Mogwai, "Batcat"
- Nudge, "Cymatic"
- Nudge, "War Song"
- Sigur Ros, "Gobbledigook"
- Terminal Sound System, "In Your Planet"

Favorites of 2007:

full-length things

Magnolia Electric Co, "Sojourner"

- Jesu, "Conqueror"
- Glenn Jones, "Against Which the Sea Continually Beats"

- Liars, "Liars"
- Kinski, "Down Below It's Chaos"
- A Place To Bury Strangers, "A Place To Bury Strangers"
- Stars of the Lid, "And Their Refinement of the Decline"
- Einsturzende Neubauten, "Alles Wieder Offen"
- M.I.A., "Kala"
- Pan Sonic, "Katodivaihe"
- To Kill a Petty Bourgeoisie, "The Patron"
- Grinderman, "Grinderman"
- Charalambides, "Likeness"
- Grails, "Burning Off Impurities"
- Marissa Nadler, "Songs III: Bird on the Water"
- Caribou, "Andorra"
- Von Südenfed, "Tromatic Reflexxions"
- Andrew Chalk, "The River That Flows Into the Sands II"

partially-lengthed things

- Wire, "Read & Burn 03"
- Cex, "Exotical Privates"
- Dead Child, "Dead Child"
- Deerhunter, "Fluorescent Grey"
- Fovea Hex, "Allure"
- OOIOO, "OOEYEOO"
- Ulrich Schnauss, "Quicksand Memory"
- Steve Stoll, "Selected Dubs and One Shots"
- Battles, "Atlas"
- A Hawk and A Hacksaw, "And the Hun Hangar Ensemble"

Favorites of 2006 (in alphabetical order):

album

- Jessica Bailiff, "Feels Like Home"
- Beirut, "Gulag Orkestar"
- Benoit Pioulard, "Precis"
- James Blackshaw, "O True Believers"
- Boduf Songs, "Lion Devours the Sun"

- Andrew Chalk, "Blue Eyes of the March"
- Charalambides, "A Vintage Burden"
- Current 93, "Black Ships Ate the Sky"
- Lisa Germano, "In the Maybe World"
- His Name Is Alive, "Detrola"
- Hot Chip, "The Warning"
- I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness, "Fear Is On Our Side"
- Kid 606, "Pretty Girls Make Raves"
- Larsen, "Seies"
- The Legendary Pink Dots, "Your Children Placate You from Premature Graves"
- Little Annie, "Songs from the Coal Mine Canary"
- Magnolia Electric Co. Fading Trails, "Secretly Canadian"
- Major Stars, "Syntoptikon"
- Matmos, "The Rose Has Teeth in the Mouth of a Beast"
- Mojave 3, "Puzzles Like You"
- Mono/World's End Girlfriend, "Palmless Prayer/Mass Murder Refrain"
- Joanna Newsom, "Ys"
- Pajo, "1968"
- Sandro Perri, "Plays Polmo Polpo"
- Rhythm & Sound, "See Mi Yah Remixes"
- Rivulets, "You Are My Home"
- Six Organs of Admittance, "The Sun Awakens"
- Volcano the Bear, "Classic Erasmus Fusion"
- Scott Walker, "The Drift"

single/EP

- A Place To Bury Strangers, "(Never Going Down)"
- A Place To Bury Strangers, "(Missing You)"
- Aereogramme, "Seclusion"
- Delia Gonzales and Gavin Russom, "Relevee"
- I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness, "According to Plan"
- Jesu, "Silver"
- Liars, "The Other Side of Mt. Heart Attack"
- Matmos, "Steam and Sequins"
- Tara Jane O'Neil, "A Raveling"

vault

- Edward Ka-Spel, "Eyes China Doll"
- Frank Tovey, "Fad Gadget by Frank Tovey"
- Greater Than One, "Kill the Pedagogue"
- Nurse With Wound, "An Awkward Pause"
- Arthur Russell, "Another Thought"
- Stereolab, "Fab Four Suture"
- This Heat, "Out of Cold Storage"
- Tortoise, "A Lazarus Taxon"
- Wire, "1977-1979"

v/a compilation

- Brainwaves (Brainwashed)
- California (RRRecords/Troniks/Ground Fault)
- Imaginational Anthem 2 (Tomkins Square)
- Killing Sound (Razor X Productions)
- Not Alone (Durtro/Jnana)
- Wayfaring Strangers: Ladies from the Canyon (Numero Group)

awesome songs from albums which weren't good enough to be in my top list

- Anoice, "The Three-Days Blow"
- Comets On Fire, "Soup Smoke"
- Compass, "Never Live Forever"
- Mogwai, "Friend of the Night"
- Mono, "Yearning"
- Mojave 3, "Breaking the Ice"
- Monster Movie, "Vanishing Act"
- Mouse On Mars, "Igoegowhygowego"
- Ms. John Soda, "Hands"
- Piano Magic, "Incurable"
- Yo La Tengo, "Pass the Hatchet I Think I'm Goodkind"
- Zombie Nation, "Don't Touch"

music video

- Adem, "Launch Yourself"
- Aereogramme, "Dreams and Bridges"
- Jessica Bailiff, "Lakeside Blues"
- Boards of Canada, "Dayvan Cowboy"
- Bonnie "Prince" Billy, "Cursed Sleep"
- Boduf Songs, "Two Across The Mouth"
- Delia Gonzales and Gavin Russom, "Relevee"
- Dr. Octagon, "Aliens"
- Hot Chip, "Over and Over"
- I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness, "According to Plan"
- I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness, "The Owl"
- The Knife, "Marble House"
- Mahogany, "Neoplasticboogiewoogie"
- Mojave 3, "Breaking the Ice"
- Peaches, "Downtown"
- Sigur Ros, "Hoppipolk"
- Stuart A. Staples, "That Leaving Feeling"
- Scott Walker, "Jesse"
- Xiu Xiu, "Boy Soprano"

fave new acts of 2006:

- A Place to Bury Strangers
- Beirut
- Benoit Pioulard
- James Blackshaw

Favorite albums of 2005:

- Akron/Family, "Akron/Family"
- The Angels of Light, "Sing Other People"
- Antony and the Johnsons, "I am a Bird Now"
- Boduf Songs, "Boduf Songs"
- Broadcast, "Tender Buttons"
- Kate Bush, "Aerial"
- Andrew Chalk, "The River That Runs Into the Sands"
- Coil, "The Ape of Naples"

- Four Tet, "Everything Ecstatic"
- Ida, "Heart Like a River"
- Jesu, "Jesu"
- Kinski, "Alpine Static"
- LCD Soundsystem, "LCD Soundsystem"
- Low, "The Great Destroyer"
- The Magnolia Electric Co., "What Comes After the Blues"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "At the Center"
- M.I.A., "Arular"
- Mirror, "Shadows"
- Nudge, "Cached"
- Out Hud, "Let Us Never Speak of It Again"
- The One Ensemble of Daniel Padden, "Live at VPRO Radio"
- Perceptionists, "Black Dialogue"
- Six Organs of Admittance, "School of the Flower"
- Windy & Carl, "The Dreamhouse/Dedications to Flea"

Favorite singles of 2005:

- Antony and the Johnsons, "Hope There's Someone"
- Aranos, "No Religion"
- Jessica Bailiff, "Live at VPRO Radio"
- Current 93, "At Dawn"/"Black Ships Ate the Sky"
- The Magnolia Electric Co., "Hard to Love a Man"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "Off-Centre"
- Meat Beat Manifesto, "Lovefingers"
- Mimir, "untitled"
- Out Hud, "One Life to Leave"
- Sybarite, "Dolorous Echo"/"The Mast"
- TV on the Radio, "Dry Drunk Emperor"

Favorite new acts of 2005:

- Akron/Family
- Boduf Songs

Favorite concerts:

- Antony and the Johnsons
- Akron/Family
- Current 93
- Jessica Bailiff/Windy & Carl
- Diamanda Galás
- A Hawk and a Hacksaw/Colleen
- LCD Soundsystem/The Juan Maclean
- Low
- Mirror
- Sunn O)))