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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... Complicé* (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:

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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)

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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)