

Top Folk Albums, Songs, Artists and Labels of April 2009 (with DJ list)

TOP ALBUMS AND SONGS OF APRIL 2009

Compiled by Richard Gillmann from FOLKDJ-L radio playlists

Based on 13215 airplays from 145 different DJs

1: "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing,"
Danny Schmidt [Red House, 3/09] (70)

"Better Off Broke"

"Granpa Built Bridges"

"Swing Me Down"

"Serpentine Cycle Of Money"

1: "Singing Through The Hard Times:
A Tribute To Utah Phillips," Various
Artists [Righteous Babe, 2/09] (70)

"Green Rolling Hills Of West
Virginia," Emmylou Harris And Mary
Black

"I Remember Loving You," Tom
Paxton

"All Used Up," John McCutcheon

3: "Classics," Susan Werner [Self,
2/09] (60)

"Hazy Shade Of Winter"

"Turn Turn Turn"

"Lonely People"

3: "Love Filling Station," Jesse
Winchester [Appleseed, new] (60)

"Bless Your Foolish Heart"

"Stand By Me"

"Far Side Bank Of Jordan"

"O What A Thrill"

5: "Not Far Now," Richard Shindell
[Signature, 4/09] (51)

"Juggler Out In Traffic"

"Get Up Clara"

"Gethsemani Goodbye"

"Mountain"

6: "Open Hand," David Wilcox [What
Are, new] (49)

"Modern World"

"Open Hand"

"Dream Again"

"Vow Of Silence"

7: "You Don't Have To Like Them
Both," Eric Brace And Peter Cooper
[Red Beet, 11/08] (48)

"Yesterdays And Used To Bes"

"Down To The Well"

"I Know A Bird"

8: "The Company You Keep," Alison
Brown [Compass, 4/09] (46)

"Forky On The Water"

"Drawing Down The Moon"

"Road West"

8: "Everything You Love Will Be
Taken Away," Slaid Cleaves [Music
Road, new] (46)

"Cry"

"Green Mountains And Me"

"Beautiful Thing"

8: "Sara Watkins," Sara Watkins
[Nonesuch, 4/09] (46)

"Long Hot Summer Days"

"Freiderick"

"All This Time"

11: "The Near Demise of the High Wire
Dancer," Antje Duvokot [Black Wolf,
3/09] (41)

"Long Way"

"Bridge"

"Ragdoll Princess And Junkyard
Queens"

12: "Dusty Road To Beulah Land,"
Drew Nelson [Waterbug, 4/09] (40)

"Stranger"

"Grandmother Moon"

"True And Fine"

12: "A Stranger Here," Ramblin' Jack
Elliott [Anti, 4/09] (40)

"Soul Of A Man"

"New Stranger Blues"

"Richland Women Blues"

14: "Fascination," The Greencards
[Sugar Hill, new] (38)

"Avenue"
 "Fascination"
 "Outskirts Of Blue"
 15: "Throw Down Your Heart," Bela Fleck [Rounder, 3/09] (37)
 "Kinetsa"
 "Jesus Is The Only Answer"
 "Kinesta"
 16: "Sea Of Tears," Eilen Jewell [Signature, new] (36)
 "Shakin' All Over"
 "Fading Memory"
 "Sea Of Tears"
 17: "Hit That Jive," Shout Sister Shout [M. C., 4/09] (35)
 "Hit That Jive Jack"
 "It's A Sin To Tell A Lie"
 "It's Only A Paper Moon"
 18: "Gentle As The Sun," Naomi Sommers [American Melody, 10/08] (34)
 "2 Sparrows"
 "It'll Be Alright"
 "Mama's House"
 18: "What I Know," Tom Rush [Appleseed, 2/09] (34)
 "River Song"
 "Fall Into The Night"
 20: "The Crow," Steve Martin [Self, 1/09] (33)
 "Daddy Played The Banjo"
 "Freddie's Lilt"
 20: "Sweetheart Like You," Guy Davis [Red House, 2/09] (33)
 "Steamboat Captain"
 "Sweetheart Like You"
 20: "Texas," Fred Smith [Self, 2008] (33)
 "Texas"
 "7 Ways"
 "God Bless America"
 23: "32 Cents: Postage Due," Arlo Guthrie With The Dillard's [Rising Son, 3/09] (32)
 "So Long It's Been Good To Know Yuh"

"Ship In The Sky"
 "Tom Joad"
 23: "Poseidon And The Bitter Bug," Indigo Girls [Vanguard, new] (32)
 "Digging For Your Dream"
 "Love Of Our Lives"
 "Sugar Tongue"
 25: "Eleven Songs," Luka Bloom [Bar None, 3/09] (30)
 "Everyman"
 "Sunday"
 "Don't Be Afraid Of The Light That Shines Within You"
 25: "Mara's Gems," Mara Levine [Self, 3/09] (30)
 "Wild Rose Of The Mountain"
 "Last Thing On My Mind"
 "If I Were A Carpenter"
 27: "River Of Time," Jorma Kaukonen [Red House, 2/09] (29)
 "There's A Bright Side Somewhere"
 "Nashville Blues"
 "Cracks In The Finish"
 27: "Shoot The Moon Right Between The Eyes," Jeffrey Foucault [Signature, 2/09] (29)
 "Hello In There"
 "Clocks And Spoons"
 29: "Fond Desire Farewell," Debra Cowan [Falling Mountain, new] (28)
 "Darkest Hour Is Just Before The Dawn"
 "Rainbow"
 "Yon Green Valley"
 30: "In White Light," Mae Robertson [Lyric Partners, 8/08] (27)
 "Burgundy Heart-Shaped Medallion"
 "Irish Heartbeat"
 30: "Let's Do Something," Bill Evans And Megan Lynch [Native And Fine, 1/09] (27)
 "Rocks And Water"
 "Into The Mystic"
 32: "Land Of The Shadows," Ben Bedford [Hopeful Sky, 1/09] (26)

"Sangamon"
"20 One"
33: "The Killer In Me," Amy Speace
[Wildflower, new] (25)
"Haven't Learned A Thing"
"Something More Than Rain"
33: "Lovers' Well," Matt And Shannon
Heaton [Eats, 2/09] (25)
"Golden Glove"
"Mountain Rambler"
33: "Matching Baggage," Bill And Kate
Isles [Self, 2/09] (25)
"Old Fences"
"Matching Baggage"
"Sutra Minnesota Polka"
36: "Brothers From Different Mothers,"
Dailey And Vincent [Rounder, new] (24)
"Head Hung Down"
"Years Ago"
36: "Midnight At The Movies," Justin
Townes Earle [Bloodshot, 3/09] (24)
"Mama's Eyes"
"Halfway To Jackson"
36: "Written In Chalk," Buddy And
Julie Miller [New West, 3/09] (24)
"Selfishness Of Man"
"Chalk"
39: "After The War," Rod MacDonald
[Blue Flute, 2/09] (23)
"After The Singing"
"American Jerusalem"
39: "Another Country," Caroline
Doctorow [Narrow Lane, 10/08] (23)
"Another Country"
"Quiet Joys Of Brotherhood"
"Hard Lovin' Loser"
39: "Country Club," John Doe And The
Sadies [Yep Roc, new] (23)
"It Just Dawned On Me"
"Are The Good Times Really Over
For Good"
39: "Double Play," Liz Carroll And
John Doyle [Compass, 3/09] (23)
"Pound A Week Rise"
"Hare's Lament/Pat Mahon's Jig"

39: "Tales To Tell," James O'Malley
[Self, 2/09] (23)
"Song For Pete Seeger"
"Gotta Get On With My Life"
"Wrecking Ball"
39: "Your Heart Is A Glorious
Machine," Sometyes Why [Signature,
3/09] (23)
"Slow Down"
"Aphrodisiaholic"
45: "Inland Territory," Vienna Teng
[Zoe, new] (22)
"Grandmother Song"
"In Another Life"
45: "Live 1969," Simon And Garfunkel
[Columbia, new] (22)
"Boxer"
"Bridge Over Troubled Water"
45: "Short Blue Stories," Steve James
[Hobemian, 2/09] (22)
"Folk Radio"
"Factory Girl"
48: "Able Baker Charlie And Dog," Joe
Crookston [Self, 2/08] (21)
"Bird By Bird"
"Blue Tattoo"
"Red Rooster In The Mash Pile"
48: "Other Covers," James Taylor
[Hear, new] (21)
"Shiver Me Timbers"
"Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin"
50: "Mesdames Et Messieurs!," Le Vent
Du Nord [Borealis, 11/08] (19)
"Cre Mardi"
"Le Bon Buveur"
**50: "Wanderer's Paean," Kim
Beggs [Self, 2006] (19)**
"Lay It All Down"
"Carry My Guitar"
52: "The Truth According To Ruthie
Foster," Ruthie Foster [Blue Corn, 2/09]
(18)
"Joy On The Other Side"
"Love In The Middle"
52: "That Kind Of Love," Pierce Pettis
[Compass, 1/09] (18)

"Farewell"
"Talk Memphis"
52: "These Times," Various Artists
[Borealis, new] (18)
"Bottle This," Evalyn Parry
"Radio Times," Tom Lewis
55: "Beautiful World," Eliza Gilkyson
[Red House, 5/08] (17)
"Beautiful World"
55: "Slice O Life," Bruce Cockburn
[Rounder, new] (17)
"If A Tree Falls"
55: "Steal The Blue," April Verch [Slab
Town, 9/08] (17)
"Reels Tadoussac"
"Slip Away"
55: "Summer To Snowflakes," Terry
Kitchen [Urban Campfire, new] (17)
"Build A Bridge From Both Sides"
"Cherokee Run"
55: "Tomboy Princess," Meg Braun
[Self, new] (17)
"Once Upon A Time"
"New Orleans"
60: "Of Wind And Water," Harvey Reid
[Woodpecker, 11/08] (16)
"Pieces Of 8"
"Boatman"
"Show Me The Road"
60: "Two Sets," Chuck Brodsky
[Waterbug, 7/08] (16)
"Dock Ellis' No No"
"Take It Out Back"
60: "Elkins," Notorious [Black Socks,
7/08] (16)
"Romanian Train Song"
60: "Hills And Valleys," The
Flatlanders [New West, new] (16)
"Sowing On The Mountain"
"Homeland Refugee"
60: "Love And Other Tragedies," Red
Molly [Self, 5/08] (16)
"Keep Your Lamp Trimmed And
Burning"

"Beaumont Rest Stop"
65: "Adrienna Valentine," Trent Wagler
And Jay Lapp [Self, 3/08] (15)
"Honey Bear"
65: "Modern Hymns," Darrell Scott
[Appleseed, 8/08] (15)
"Devil"
"American Tune"
65: "Ozark: A Celebration In Song,"
Still On The Hill [Termite, 9/08] (15)
"7 Pies"
65: "Queen Fareena," Kelly Carmichael
[Dogstreet, new] (15)
"Queen Fareena"
65: "Viper Of Melody," Wayne
Hancock [Bloodshot, new] (15)
"Throwin' Away My Money"
70: "Journey To The New World,"
Sharon Isbin [Sony, new] (14)
"Wayfaring Stranger"
"Wild Mountain Thyme," Sharon
Isbin
70: "At 89," Pete Seeger [Appleseed,
9/08] (14)
"If It Can't Be Reduced"
70: "Coming Home," McCalmans
[Greentrax, new] (14)
"Portrahaven"
70: "Free To Fall," Beaucoup Blue
[Self, 10/08] (14)
"Free To Fall"
"Oh America"
70: "The Green Fields Of America,"
The Green Fields Of America [Compass,
1/09] (14)
"Across The Western Ocean"
70: "Milk And Honey Land," The
Fagans [Self, new] (14)
"Greenswell"
"Pastures Of Plenty"

These lists are compiled and posted to the FOLKDJ-L web site every month (since October 1997). The archive of past Top Album lists is available at <http://folkradio.org> (the official FOLKDJ-L web site) and also, in an extended version, at <http://nwfolk.com> (my personal web site).

The process of compiling the Top Albums list is automated (I do hand correct some obvious errors and typos). The results are based on playlists posted to FOLKDJ-L during the calendar month. I wrote a pair of programs that work with the Eudora email program's filtering feature. One program parses each playlist as it comes in and adds it to a spreadsheet. The second program processes the spreadsheet into a readable report. Playlists have to include artist, song and album name (label is optional) and be in a reasonably regular format for my program to be able to parse them. My programs wind up identifying 60% to 80% of the songs actually posted.

The Top Albums list is sorted in descending order by number of plays recorded for each album. Within an album, the more popular tracks that were played are shown. If a single DJ is the only one mostly playing an album, the count of plays is adjusted downwards; otherwise the raw counts are used. The top 70 albums are listed. A more detailed explanation is available at nwfolk.com.

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