

Top Folk Albums, Songs, Artists and Labels of February 2009 (with FolkDJ list)

TOP ALBUMS AND SONGS OF FEBRUARY 2009

Compiled by Richard Gillmann from FOLKDJ-L radio playlists

Based on 12099 airplays from 146 different DJs

- 1: "Sweetheart Like You," Guy Davis
[Red House, 2/09] (78)
 - "Steamboat Captain"
 - "Sweetheart Like You"
 - "Can't Be Satisfied"
 - "Slow Motion Daddy"
- 2: "What I Know," Tom Rush
[Appleseed, 2/09] (75)
 - "River Song"
 - "What I Know"
 - "Hot Tonight"
 - "Casey Jones"
- 3: "Land Of The Shadows," Ben Bedford [Hopeful Sky, 1/09] (71)
 - "20 One"
 - "Amelia"
 - "Mother Jones On The Line"
 - "Land Of The Shadows"
- 4: "River Of Time," Jorma Kaukonen
[Red House, 2/09] (69)
 - "There's A Bright Side Somewhere"
 - "Been So Long"
 - "Cracks In The Finish"
 - "River Of Time"
- 5: "You Don't Have To Like Them Both," Eric Brace And Peter Cooper
[Red Beet, 11/08] (58)
 - "I Know A Bird"
 - "Denali, Not McKinley"
 - "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still"
 - "Omar's Blues #2"
- 6: "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing," Danny Schmidt [Red House, new] (52)
 - "Better Off Broke"
 - "Swing Me Down"
 - "Grampa Built Bridges"
- 6: "Let's Do Something," Bill Evans And Megan Lynch [Native And Fine, 1/09] (52)
 - "Rocks And Water"
- "Into The Mystic"
- "Morningside"
- 8: "Get Close To Me," Stephanie Bettman [Self, new] (46)
 - "Evening Prayer Blues"
 - "Letting Go"
 - "Seed Of Doubt"
- 9: "Free To Fall," Beaucoup Blue [Self, 10/08] (38)
 - "Oh America"
 - "Catch Me When I Wake Up"
 - "Free To Fall"
 - "Delta Rain"
- 9: "Girls Like Us," Rhythm Angels [High Horse, 1/09] (38)
 - "Sister Love's Cafe"
 - "If I Had A Gun"
 - "Girls Like Us"
- 11: "Eros," Cosy Sheridan [Wind River, 11/08] (36)
 - "Last Love Letter"
 - "Days I Do Not Believe"
 - "Story Of Longing"
- 12: "The Incident," Beoga [Compass, new] (33)
 - "Antics"
 - "On The Way"
 - "Strange Things"
- 13: "Let The Circle Be Wide," Tommy Sands [Appleseed, 1/09] (29)
 - "People Have Spoken"
 - "Young Man's Dream"
- 14: "The Maker's Mark," Tony McManus [Compass, new] (28)
 - "Rolling Waves / Martin Wynne's #1"
 - "Chalaneru"
- 15: "Born To The Breed: A Tribute To Judy Collins," Various Artists [Wildflower, 8/08] (27)

"Secret Gardens," Shawn Colvin
 "Albatross," Rufus Wainwright
 "Weaver Song," Dar Williams
 15: "Short Blue Stories," Steve James
 [Hobemian, new] (27)
 "Folk Radio"
 "Original High/Low Stomp"
 "Birmingham Steel"
 17: "Raising Sand," Robert Plant And
 Alison Krauss [Rounder, 2007] (26)
 "Please Read The Letter"
 "Killing The Blues"
 17: "That Kind Of Love," Pierce Pettis
 [Compass, 1/09] (26)
 "Talk Memphis"
 "That Kind Of Love"
 "To Dance"
 19: "Crooked Man," Chris Stuart And
 Backcountry [Backcountry, 9/08] (25)
 "Streets Of Charlottetown"
 "I Remember Memphis"
 "Silverton"
 19: "The Crow," Steve Martin [Self,
 new] (25)

"Daddy Played The Banjo"
 "Clawhammer Medley"
 19: "Freedom," Crabtree And Mills
 [Self, 1/09] (25)
 "I Can't Wait"
 "Price Of Freedom"
 22: "Classics," Susan Werner [Self,
 new] (24)
 "Hazy Shade Of Winter"
 "Turn Turn Turn"
**22: "Wanderer's Paean," Kim
 Beggs [Self, 2006] (24)**
"Lay It All Down"
"Ain't Gonna Work"
 24: "Double Play," Liz Carroll And
 John Doyle [Compass, new] (22)
 "Pound A Week Rise"
 "Down At The Wakehouse/The
 True Love Of My Heart"
 24: "Willie And The Wheel," Willie
 Nelson And Asleep At The Wheel
 [Bismieux, 2/09] (22)

TOP ARTISTS OF FEBRUARY 2009

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| 1. Tom Rush | 18. Joan Baez |
| 2. Ben Bedford | 19. Pierce Pettis |
| 3. Guy Davis | 20. Beoga |
| 3. Jorma Kaukonen | 20. Pete Seeger |
| 5. Danny Schmidt | 22. Tony McManus |
| 6. Eric Brace And Peter Cooper | 23. Robin And Linda Williams |
| 7. Bill Evans And Megan Lynch | 24. Bruce Springsteen |
| 8. Stephanie Bettman | 24. Cheryl Wheeler |
| 9. Susan Werner | 26. Emmylou Harris |
| 10. Bob Dylan | 27. Eliza Gilkyson |
| 10. Cosy Sheridan | 27. Steve James |
| 10. John Gorka | 27. Tommy Sands |
| 13. Rhythm Angels | 30. Robert Plant And Alison Krauss |
| 14. Tom Paxton | 31. Carrie Newcomer |
| 15. Beaucoup Blue | 32. Bill Staines |
| 15. Dar Williams | 33. Steve Martin |
| 15. Kim Beggs | 34. Chris Stuart |

34. Greg Brown
34. The Refugees
34. Ruthie Foster
34. Willie Nelson And Asleep At The
Wheel
39. Beausoleil

39. Crabtree And Mills
39. Ellis Paul
39. John McCutcheon
39. Jonathan Byrd
39. Still On The Hill

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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