

## Top Folk Albums, Songs, Artists and Labels of March 2009 (with FOLKDJ list)

### TOP ALBUMS AND SONGS OF MARCH 2009

Compiled by Richard Gillmann from FOLKDJ-L radio playlists

Based on 14924 airplays from 148 different DJs

1: "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing,"  
Danny Schmidt [Red House, 3/09] (84)

"Better Off Broke"

"Southland Street"

"2 Timing Bank Robber's Lament"

"Swing Me Down"

"Grampa Built Bridges"

2: "Singing Through The Hard Times:  
A Tribute To Utah Phillips," Various  
Artists [Righteous Babe, new] (80)

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

"I Remember Loving You," Tom  
Paxton

"Phoebe Snow," Kendel Morse

3: "What I Know," Tom Rush  
[Applesseed, 2/09] (73)

"Casey Jones"

"East Of Eden"

"Drift Away"

"River Song"

4: "River Of Time," Jorma Kaukonen  
[Red House, 2/09] (70)

"There's A Bright Side Somewhere"

"River Of Time"

"Been So Long"

"More Than My Old Guitar"

5: "Double Play," Liz Carroll And John  
Doyle [Compass, 3/09] (69)

"Pound A Week Rise"

"Chandelier/Anne Lacey's"

"Down At The Wakehouse-The  
True Love Of My Heart"

6: "Sweetheart Like You," Guy Davis  
[Red House, 2/09] (65)

"Steamboat Captain"

"Sweetheart Like You"

"Bring Back Storyville"

7: "You Don't Have To Like Them  
Both," Eric Brace And Peter Cooper  
[Red Beet, 11/08] (62)

"I Know A Bird"

"Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still"

"Omar's Blues #2"

8: "Lovers' Well," Matt And Shannon  
Heaton [Eats, 2/09] (56)

"Lily Of The West"

"Botany Bay"

"First Date"

9: "Land Of The Shadows," Ben  
Bedford [Hopeful Sky, 1/09] (55)

"Twenty One"

"10 Paces"

"Cherry Mine"

10: "The Crow," Steve Martin [Self,  
1/09] (49)

"Daddy Played The Banjo"

"Hoedown At Alice's"

"Pretty Flowers"

"Pitkin County Turnaround"

**10: "Wanderer's Paean," Kim  
Beggs [Self, 2006] (49)**

**"Lay It All Down"**

**"Ain't Gonna Work"**

**"Wanderer's Paean"**

12: "Your Heart Is A Glorious  
Machine," Sometyes Why [Signature,  
new] (46)

"Aphrodisiaholic"

"Cold Feet Blues"

"Shine It"

13: "That Kind Of Love," Pierce Pettis  
[Compass, 1/09] (45)

"Hallelujah"

"I Am Nothing"

"To Dance"

## TOP SONGS OF MARCH 2009

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1. "Better Off Broke" (20)  
by Danny Schmidt  
from "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing"
1. "Pound A Week Rise" (20)  
by Liz Carroll And John Doyle  
from "Double Play"
3. "I Know A Bird" (18)  
by Eric Brace And Peter Cooper  
from "You Don't Have To Like Them Both"
4. "Casey Jones" (17)  
by Tom Rush  
from "What I Know"
4. "Steamboat Captain" (17)  
by Guy Davis  
from "Sweetheart Like You"
6. "There's A Bright Side Somewhere" (16)  
by Jorma Kaukonen  
from "River Of Time"
7. "20 One" (15)  
by Ben Bedford  
from "Land Of The Shadows"
7. "Green Rolling Hills Of West Virginia" (15)  
by Emmylou Harris And Mary Black  
from "Singing Through The Hard Times: A Tribute To Utah Phillips"
9. "Rocks And Water" (14)  
by Bill Evans And Megan Lynch  
from "Let's Do Something"
9. "Southland Street" (14)  
by Danny Schmidt  
from "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing"
11. "River Of Time" (13)  
by Jorma Kaukonen  
from "River Of Time"
12. "2 Timing Bank Robber's Lament" (11)  
by Danny Schmidt  
from "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing"
12. "Aphrodisiaholic" (11)  
by Sometyes Why  
from "Your Heart Is A Glorious Machine"
12. "East Of Eden" (11)  
by Tom Rush  
from "What I Know"
12. "Lily Of The West" (11)  
by Matt And Shannon Heaton  
from "Lovers' Well"
12. "Swing Me Down" (11)  
by Danny Schmidt  
from "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing"
17. "10 Paces" (10)  
by Ben Bedford  
from "Land Of The Shadows"
17. "Before The Storm/The Black Rogue" (10)  
by Liz Carroll And John Doyle  
from "Double Play"
17. "Botany Bay" (10)  
by Matt And Shannon Heaton  
from "Lovers' Well"
17. "Daddy Played The Banjo" (10)  
by Steve Martin  
from "The Crow"
17. "Grampa Built Bridges" (10)  
by Danny Schmidt  
from "Instead The Forest Rose To Sing"
17. "Hazy Shade Of Winter" (10)  
by Susan Werner  
from "Classics"
- 23. "Ain't Gonna Work" (9)  
by Kim Beggs  
from "Wanderer's Paean"**
23. "Been So Long" (9)  
by Jorma Kaukonen

## TOP ARTISTS OF MARCH 2009

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Danny Schmidt                 | 22. Pete Seeger                 |
| 2. Jorma Kaukonen                | 23. Buddy And Julie Miller      |
| 2. Tom Rush                      | 23. John Gorka                  |
| 4. Liz Carroll And John Doyle    | 25. Beoga                       |
| 5. Guy Davis                     | 25. Drew Nelson                 |
| 6. Matt And Shannon Heaton       | 25. Richard Shindell            |
| 7. Eric Brace And Peter Cooper   | 28. Bill And Kate Isles         |
| 8. Ben Bedford                   | 28. Mara Levine                 |
| <b>8. Kim Beggs</b>              | 30. Antje Duvekot               |
| 10. Steve Martin                 | 30. Luka Bloom                  |
| 10. Susan Werner                 | 30. Tim O'Brien                 |
| 12. Pierce Pettis                | 33. Caroline Doctorow           |
| 13. Arlo Guthrie                 | 33. Jonathan Byrd               |
| 13. Tommy Sands                  | 35. Beaucoup Blue               |
| 15. Sometyes Why                 | 35. Jeffrey Foucault            |
| 16. Bob Dylan                    | 35. Joan Baez                   |
| 16. Greg Brown                   | 35. Steve James                 |
| 18. John Cephas And Phil Wiggins | 39. Chieftains                  |
| 18. Tony McManus                 | 40. Bill Evans And Megan Lynch  |
| 20. Solas                        | 40. The Green Fields Of America |
| 20. Tom Paxton                   |                                 |

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](http://nwfolk.com).

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