The Best of 2008 KUCI Staff Picks

DJ Kyle Host of Things That Are Square

10. Stephen Malkmus & The Jicks Real Emotional Trash THE indie rock poster boy takes another step towards his inner classic rock outlar god, but his heart is still into stuffing hook after hook into every tune. he pens. Granted, every Malkmus solo album is the methadone shot that we take to help us ween off of the pure heroin kick of Pavement, but it's still a good high.

9. Ponytail ice Cream Spiritual

An album of mainlined, nertly, guitar spaz. Not spaz in the angular noise sense, but spaz in the "youthfully overexuberant" sense. In the "monn-lwant-you-to-see-my-new-Pokemons-and-I-can't-really-breath-until-I-makesure-you-know-all-about-them" sense.

8 The Mac Shi Hillyh

The absolute best avant-pop-electro-punk album loosely based on Christianity released this year (the title is read "Hell Yeah," by the way). Videogame bleeps team up with anthemic shout-alongs and powerchords to create an album that's catchy, fun, and energetic, all done with a strong

7. Los Campesinos! Hold On Now, Youngster.

A septet of be-cardiganed Welsh kids released an album that launched a thousand AIM away messages. Lyrics guilled straight from an especially witty LiveJournal, mixed with a deeply-held adoration of Beile and Sebastian, and wrapped in a cathartic pop assault complete with shout-

6. King Khan and The Shrines The Supreme Genius of King Khan and the Shrines

Two extremely energetic flavors of music, garage rock and soul have been fused together into a delicious aural treat. Horns and guitars provide the support for King Khan to perform his sweatest James Brown impression for

5. The Lucksmiths First Frost

For filteen years, this band of absolute sweethearts from Australia have released perfect pop music that warms the heart with the heat of summer. Now they've put out a bit of a winter album, a tad more reserved and a tiny

4. Earthless Live at Roadburn

The three Earthless albums I own, including this double disk behomoth, amounts to seven tracks total. That is because Earthless writes songs in the style of "mind-destroyingly awesome and long, guitar-centric psychedelic explosions." This album consists of two 45-minute long tracks that document the Earthless live experience. I healtate to make any reference to jam-bands, knowing the type of bile that usually brings into people's throats, but these guys just tock the P&# out for huge extended periods of time, and it stays engaging (and completely awesome).

Growing up on hiphop. Why?'s Yoni Wolf has a sturdy base in rhythm and lyrics. Though, the music he creates is more than happy to incorporate record collections full of the Beach Boys and the Beatles as well as Eric B & Rakim. "Alopecia" continues Wolf's avant-hip-pop string of amazing albums that are as harmonic and catchy as they are rhythmically interesting. and lyncally astounding.

2. Girl Talk Food the Animals

So, it was a pretty weak year for music, so an album as unapologetically funand party-friendly can handedly float to the top of the pile. Sure it's just a mashup album, but the fact that it made it into my stereo about three Smes more than anything else that came out this year is why it's so high on my list. "Feed the Animals" is far from high art, but it's hin, and amazing to

1. Mount Eerie with Julie Doiron & Fred Squire Lost Wisdom About four years ago, I went to the Che Cafe down in San Diego to see Mount Eerie play live. If you've not been there, the Che is a wooden, cabinlike building on the campus of UCSD, surrounded by pine trees. If very much gives the impression that you are at camp. When Mount Eene's Phil Elverum took the stage, he asked that all the lights be turned off, and the audience sat on the floor of this cabin, listening to him strum his accustic guilar and sing his songs of love and nature in his unique sense of melody. Because the lights were off, no one was self-conscious about singing their hearts out. So we all sat together with no light but the moon filtering through pine trees while we all raised our voices together in this beautiful moment where you felt you were part of the universe and deeply excited about how great life can be. I will treasure that experience forever. That's kind of what

Brian Bowes, the winner of the KUCI design contest, is an flustrator/designer working in San Francisco, where he lives with his beautiful wife and two cats. Brian has a BFA in Illustration from the California College of Arts and Crafts. He has spent the last two years working as the Coordinator

of the Visual Arts Dept. of the California State Summer School for the Arts. Currently he is dedicated to a career in illustration. Brian's work has developed from the rough drawings of youth, which continue to evolve in new and astonishing ways. He is developing a working style watercolor and is inspired by a range of artists, from Wyeth to Asian ink paintings. Alternately this is mixed with his long love for Science Fiction, Fantasy, and a healthy fasonation with shiny oldtime machinery. He continues to enjoy the Godzillas and Samurais of the world(s). Brian is interested in commissioned works, portraiture and more. You can see more examples of his work and contact him at

www.bowesart.com.

DJ Intern Sam

Top 10 Comedy Albums of 2008:

10. Jimmy Pardo & Scott Aukerman Never Not Christmas

9. Nell Hamburger Sings Country Winners

8. Tim and Eric Tim and Eric Awesome Album, Great Songs

Todd Barry From Heaven

6 Lewis Black Anticipation

5. Andy Daly Nine Sweaters 4 Mitch Hedberg Do you Believe in Gosti

3. R.O. Manse The Best of R.O. Manse

2 Flight of the Conchords Flight of the Conchords

1. Doug Benson Professional Humoredian

10. Grouper Dragging A Dead Deer Up A Hill

9. Why? Alopecia

8. Growing All The Way

7. Gang Gang Dance Saint Dymphna 6. Vivian Girls Vivian Girls

5. Lucky Dragons Dream Island Laughing Language

4. Pwrfl Power Pwrfl Power

3. High Places High Places

2. No Age Nouns 1. Ponytail Ice Cream Spiritual

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Host of Disturbing the Peace

Jens Lekman Night Falls Over Kortedala Crazy P. Stop Space Return Santogold Santogold DJ Rupture Uproof Playhouse Famous When Dead Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds Dig! Lazarus! Dig!

Harvey and Thomas Bullock. Map of Africa. Spiritualized Songs in A&E

DJ Rita

Host of The Sound Session

The Helio Sequence Keep Your Eyes Ahead

Warpaint Warpaint Vivian Girls Vivian Girls

Spacemen 3 DJ Tones

Crystal Stifts Alight the Night

Various Artists Perfect as Cats: a Tribute to the Cure.

Japanese Motors Japanese Motors The Kills Midnight Boom

Love Is All A Hundred Things Keep Me Up at Night

Deerhunter Microcastle Darker My Love 2

DJ J. Pulaski

Host of Innamissions

10. MB3 Saturdays = Youth

9. Flying Lotus Los Angeles

8. Various Artists Obsession

7. Nomo Ghast Block

E. King Khan & The Shrines Supreme Genius of King Khan.

5. Benga Diary of an Afro Warrior

4. Heliocentrics Out There

3. Various Artists Nigeria Special (Vol. 1-3)

Nobody Presents Blank Blue Western Water Music Vol.2

1. Portishend Third

DJ Jeremy

Host of Disco. For Your Health

Hercules & Love Affair Hercules & Love Affair Cut Copy In Ghost Colours

The Black Ghosts The Black Ghosts The Rapture 1K7 Tapes Empire of the Sun Walking On A Dream

The Whip X Marks Destruction

TV On The Radio Dear Science

Jamie Lidell Jim

Wallpaper TREX EP Services Eat Prey Love

DJ Shapan

Host of How Goes?

10. Anth Hrkwk Mutually Assured

9. Vivian Girls Vivian Girls

8. The Dutchess and the Duke She's The Dutchess, He's The Duke

Grouper Dragging A Dead Deer Up A Hill 6 Devotobka A Mad & Faithful Telling

5. French Kicks Swimming

4 Deerhunter Microcastle 3. Okay Huggable Dust.

2. The Kills Midnight Boom Department Of Eagles In Ear Park DJ Vivian

10. Mount Eerie with Julie Doiron & Fred Squire Lost Wisdom

Alone in nature accompanied by forlors harmonies, hrics.

9. Friendly Fires. Friendly Fires. Hearthreak, love, and lust Over Ert's yelp-y vocals

8. The Dodos Visitor Frantic finger-picked quitar with staccato drums over rushed vocads.

make for accy tunes.

7. Cut Copy In Ghost Colours Sexy and sleak dance

5. Los Campesinos! Hold On Now, Youngster.

music made by Aussies for the D.F.A. crowd.

Loud, abrupt, shout-y vocals in a seven part band with heavy accents.

5. Vivian Girls Vivian Girls 60's style girl vocals mixes with hazy guitars, tambourines

4. Deerhunter Microcastle The dudes trade shoegaze for bigger sounding guitars

3. Metronomy Nights Out Falsettos and synth make for good, awkward dancing in dingy nightclubs

and clever wordplay.

2. Fleet Foxes Fleet Foxes Very beautiful four-part harmonies over

lush folksy guitars.

1. Beach House Devotion Dreamy, warm organs with spacey, twangy guitars,

Ethernal voice.

Host of Mysterious Rambow

My list is dominated by noisy music without words that you can usually dance to I sort of made it based on what I simply listened to the most. Pretty reasonable, right?

10: Duchess Says Anthologie Des 3 Perchoirs

9. Muslims Muslims 08

8. Adventure Adventure

7. Antn Hrkwk, Mutually Assured 6. Why? Alopecia

5. Thank You Terrible Tives

4. Mahjongg Kontpab

3. The Mae Shi HLLLYH

2. F'ck Buttons Street Horrising 1. Ponytail Ice Cream Spiritual

DJ Brian Host of Mysterious Rainbow

10. Giraffes? Giraffes! More Skin With Milk Mouth

9 Dosh Wolves and Wishes 5. Pwrff Power Pwrff Power

7. TV on the Radio Dear Science 6. Jaguar Love Tama Me to the Sea

5. The Dead Science Villainaire

4 Sun Kil Moon April 3. Sigur Ros Med Sud I Evrum Vid Spitum

2. Anto Hrkwk Mutually Assured Mount Eerie The Dawn

DJ Jeff Scott Host of The Blues Disease

Top 10 Blues Albums of 2008: 10. Ell "Paperboy" Reed & the True Loves Floil With You

9. R.J. Mischo King Of A Mighty Good Time

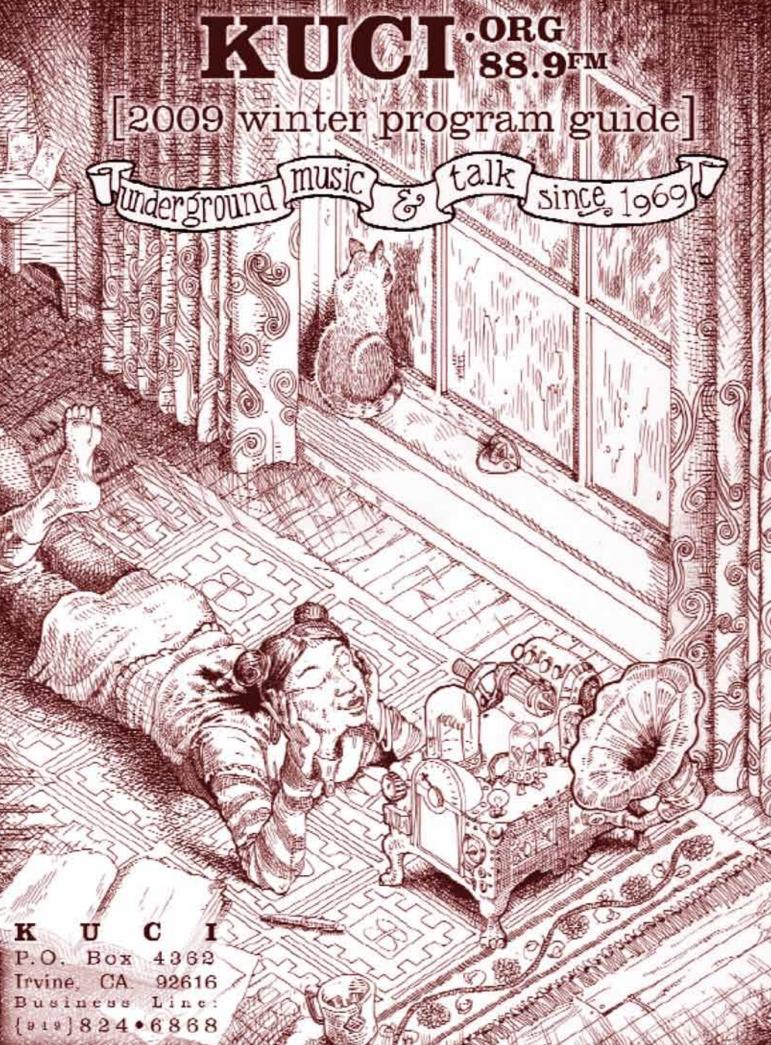
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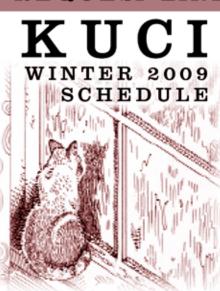
6. Sean Costello We Can Get Together 5. Harmonica Sam Rocker No. 1

4 B.B. & the Blues Shacks Unique Taste 3. The Bluebirds Blast From the Past

2 Norbert Schneider's R&B Caravan Fresh Cuts 1. James Hunter The Hard Way

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MONDAY 12 AM - 2 AM American Psychosis Rock with Some Umph! with Rateman

2 AM - 4 AM Hear, There, Everywhere with Kietzke & Marielle

The World of Jazz Playing Great Jazz That Will Become Your Favorites with The Jazz Guy

All About Jazz America's Cultural Art Form with Dr. Roland Esq Holmes

TUESDAY 12 AM - 2 AM The Highlife Hip Hop for the Rest of Us with Charlie Fitzpatrick

Hip Hospital Prescription Strength Hip Hop with Darnell & Romeo

Aggressively Progressive House, Psy-Trance, Techno and More with DJ Faaip

The Final Cut Classic and Modern Film Scores with Kat

WEDNESDAY

12 AM - 2 AM **Poptones** You Left a Hole in the Back of My Head

with DJ Intern Sam with Zhubin

A Bright and Shining Tomorrow Now That's What I Call Noise with Mercapto Blue

A&K Will Make Your Day Eclectic, Indie, House, & Morning Coffee Music with Nish & DJ Special K

Health Matters

Alternative Medicine

Killing Flies Fly Swatter, Dart Gun, Optical Illusions, & George Clooney with Genie

THURSDAY

12 AM - 2 AM Naked Comedy Today's Comic Stars on Yesterday's Technology

Raging Anteater Radio A Variety of Not-so-widely Heard Music with Daniel Johnson

Cactus Cube Asian Underground Music with Dafne

8 AM - 9 AM

Activism 101

with Jarret Lovell

with Tani Tinuviel

10 AM - 12 PM

with Janeane

12 PM - 2 PM

2 PM - 4 PM

with Kait

The Gum Tree

Press Pass Music

Orange County Music Only

9 AM - 10 AM

Justice or Just Us?

What Would Arwen Do?

Moms Rockin' the House

Mom rockers, solo artists and other Moms who Rock in the Arts

An Elvish Perspective on Life

Infinite Nows An Alternative to the Verse/Chorus/Bass/Drum/Guitar with DJ NOW

FRIDAY

12 AM - 2 AM The Gingerbread Factory Downtempo and Funky House Music with DJ Ramy A

Light Waves, Dark Matter Music for Someone, Somewhere with DJ Pulsar

Kiss The Beat Girly, Sweet, but Fierce with Pia

RAM - 9 AM

Evan Simon

10 AM - 1 PM

Firehouse Rock

with King Pablo

How Goes?

with Shapan

Crucial Reggae Riddims

Positive Confusion

Weekly Shapanic Attacks

The Docket

Morning Becomes Neglected Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue with Briana

The Joy of Law School Without the Exams

9 AM - 10 AM ALTERNATING WEEKS A Student of Life | Career Quest

Life Shills Not Taught in College | Explore Career Transition Topics

with Judy Alexander | with Emily Woodman-Nance

Dronepop, Unsound Recordings, & Other Favorites

SATURDAY

12 AM · 2 AM Digital::Nimbus Electronic Audio Freakquencies with Pietrobot & Freakquency Modulator

2 AM - 4 AM Disturbing the Peace Wake the Neighbors with Adam

The Balkan Powderkeg Hunting the Gypsy Beat

Kinder-Ground Korean Indie, Underground & Beyond with Allex

Record Store Memories

with DJ Lorraine

with Michael Rydzynski

9 AM - 12 PM

Guests Sharing Record Store Memories

Concert Preview /Anniversaries

Previews Upcoming Local Classical Concerts

SUNDAY

12 AM - 2 AM Metalmorphosis Best of Underground Metal with DJ Azrael

2 AM - 4 AM The Lunar Calendar Music for Wanderers with DJ Selene

4 AM - 6 AM Gravedigger Punk Metal Music with Paranoid Perry & The Mighty Jos

Confessions of a College Student College Issues and Advice with Randy

7 AM - 8 AM Imagine

PUBLIC Media, Politics, Sports & Show Business Talk with Max Oken

> The Gospel Soul Train Saving Lives and Souls with Dr. Roland Esq Holmes

10 AM - 12 PM Matinee Mehfil

88.9 FM

The Stage Door Swings The Best in American Show Music with KDD

PM - 4 PM **Brown Town Radio** Chicano Rap Y Mas For The 1503 with G Lo

4 PM - 6 PM Dogs Barking Eclectic: Rock, Experimental, Hip Hop with Brendan & James

8 AM - 10 AM

Diverse South Asian Music with Suja & Tani Tinuviel

12 PM - 2 PM KUCI Hall of Fame Show Former KUCI DJs Guest Host with KUCI Alumni

> Radio Free Otaku America's Only J-Rock & VK Radio Show with Daijchi Kuronama

4 PM - 6 PM Darkling Eclectica Jazz. Classical. Folk. Stories. with Michael Payne

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RAM - 9 AM Inside the Mind Cognition, Psychology, and Consciousness with Ray PorMansor

Subversity Subverting the Norm & Penetrating the Orange Curtain with Dan Tsang

10 AM - 1 PM The Blues Disease The Best in World Class Blues with Jeff Scott

1 PM - 4 PM **Buffalo Bayou** It's a Snortin' Buffalo in Your Ear with Jake Bacon

5:30 PM - 6 PM

Explore Space

with Mat Kaplan

Planetary Radio

4 PM - 5 PM Localstream Punk on the Rocks with a Twist with Breesa

5 PM - 5:30 PM Counterspin Syndicated from FAIR

> 6 PM - 8 PM POSH Freeform with Relle Otero

8 PM - 10 PM Innamissions Universal Poly Currents with J. Pulaski

10 PM - 12 AM Open Session Hip-Hop/Insta-Classic Material with JRA

Weekly Signals News, Irreverent Commentary and Interviews with Mike Kaspar & Nathan Callahan

filmschool Independent Film News and Interviews with Nathan Callahan & Mike Kaspar

10 PM - 12 PM Tuesdays with Moses Motorbike Freeform Indie Radio with Moses Motorbike

12 PM - 2 PM George Had A Hat Lunch Time Fun, Music And .. with George & Albert O. DoGonzales

Songs of National Freedom Why Indie Rock is Still Alive!

4 PM - 5 PM Big Cups for a Small World Music with a Peanut Butter Center with DJ Big Cup

5 PM - 6 PM The Blue and Gold Report UCI Sports

Play It As it Lays Indie-Hip-Pop-Rock 'n' Soul with Sean Boy Walton

with Mark Roberts

8 PM - 10 AM Divergent Sound Experimental and Cosmic Sound with Eric

10 PM - 12 AM p.o.x. radio A Plague of Noise with [x]

9 AM - 10 AM Writers on Writing Get Published with Barbara DeMarco-Barrett

with CoCo B & Jay | with Dr. Shakib

Yogi World

Yooa Culture, Namaste,

10 AM - 1 PM **Uptown Top Ranking** The World of Reggae with Big Jim

5 PM - 6 PM

6 PM - 8 PM

8 PM - 10 PM

with Erin

Umbrella Party

10 PM - 12 AM

Brown Noise

Rainy Day Rock Eclectic

Poop Deck Dance Party 2000!

with Agent86 & Captain Erin

Privacy Piracy

with Mari Frank

The Vanguard, Again!

Jazz and So Much More

with Polar Bear Jack

1 PM - 3 PM Scene and Heard Indie Music To Dance & Profess Your Love To with Vivian

Sweater Weather Pop, "Itchperimental," and Selections in Between with Emily

Protect Yourself in the Information Age

4 PM - 5 PM ZM Radio AM Radio< FM Radio< ZM Radio with Ziba Z

Female Artists and Woman-fronted Bands

Out the Rabbit Hole Reality Slamming Gab & Jamming with Robert Larson

6 PM - 8 PM Things that are Square Music for Indoor Kids with Kyle

8 PM - 10 PM The Sound Session Indie. Electronic. More. with Rita

10 PM - 12 AM Division of Hardcore Samples Trance & Progressive House. Live DJ Mixes with Arthur Galestian

The OC Show Orange County Politics with Cameron Jackson

Disco, For Your Health Discofunkelectroliscious with Jeremy

8 PM - 10 PM Riders of the Plastic Groove It's a Breaks, House, Techno, Trance, Progressive, D-n-B Thing with Dennis Simms

10 PM - 12 AM Technodrome Vizions of Elektronik Muzik with Saba and Dennis Simms

The Dread Zone Dub - Organic and Electronic with Jarret Lovell

8 PM - 10 PM The Black Cauldron Freeform Darkness with BlackRose & The Doctor

10 PM - 12 AM Closed Caskets for the Living Impaired Dark Music for a Dark County with Archpope Dach

Punk Becomes Eclectic High Energy Punk Rock and Roll with Jeff

8 PM - 10 PM Howdylicious! All That Twangs! with DJ Wanda

10 PM - 12 AM Trash-o-matic Garbage A Go-Go Raw, Wild and Outrageous!!! with Filthy Rotten Wes

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