



ZACH HARTLEY'S TOP 5 CDs

Johnny Cash *Live At Folsom Prison*
Hank Williams III *Risin' Outlaw*
Elvis Presley *RCA '57 Elvis Presley*
Mike Ness *Under The Influences*
Merle Haggard *Okie From Muskogee*



Dungen
Ta Det Lugnt Kemado

This was a surprising little disc that crept into my computer and leapt out with a bang. This young Swedish multi-instrumentalist named Gustav came out of the Swedish woodwork to create a beautiful, symphonic, acid-jazz, prog-chill, psychedelic gem in which he plays most every note, except for a few guitar tracks here and there. He sings in Swedish mostly, but you won't notice—the music is that good. Fans of **Lansing-Drieden**, **Traffic**, or **Comets On Fire** will be feeling this—I sure am. I feel like I'm naked in a forest of wonderful, Swedish free jazz.



Yovee
Too Far Gone Manaloft

After the release of an immensely popular EP, Yovee is back with a full-length album that's sure to be the soundtrack to the 2005 California summer. You may have heard Yovee's music in every movie in the *Drive Thru* film series, or in *Riding In Vans With Boys* on MTV. With broad influences ranging from Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young to Pinback, these five musicians are sure to make your days long and sunny, and your nights filled with wine, women, and song.



Yo La Tengo
Prisoners Of Love: A Smattering Of Scintillating Senescent Songs 1985-2003
Matador

Yo La Tengo is one of indie-rock's great and already legendary trios. The songs on this three-disc set are, as they say, "a smattering of scintillating senescent songs" from 1985 to 2003. I take from that funny sentence that this set is a greatest hits, along with a bonus disc of rarities and outtakes. If you're looking for good-time sunny music that may sound (as contradictory as it sounds) like **The Velvet Underground** on Prozac, purchase *Prisoners Of Love* at your local independent music store. Then you can start branching out and buying the whole Yo La Tengo catalog.



Mercury Rev
The Secret Migration V2

Some critics say this is Mercury Rev's happiest album to date—and that's a bad thing. I disagree to a point. *The Secret Migration* is ethereal and lovely, while at the same time being a little too airy to really dig into most of the songs. Overall, it's a brilliant album, but from a band as amazing as Mercury Rev, you'd expect a little more. Don't get me wrong, this album is more beautiful than most anything you'll hear out there, but it's nowhere near its 1998 classic, *Deserter's Songs*. Fans of **The Flaming Lips** and **Polyphonic Spree** will be in heaven.



Family Guy
Live In Vegas*
Geffen

Any fan of *Family Guy* should buy this CD. It's sidesplitting! In the CD's best song "All Cartoons Are F—king Dicks," the cast of *Family Guy* sing about McGruff killing hookers, Papa Smurf being a racist, anti-Semitic, and more! They cuss, they sing about really whacked-out stuff, and even have guest stars like *Seinfeld's* **Jason Alexander** and **Haylie Duff**. Overall, the orchestration and lyrics are genius! The bonus DVD is also hilarious! Can't tell you enough how much you'll crap yourself when you listen to this. It's way more raunchy than the show, so don't drink milk before the jokes start—it will find its way out of your nostrils very quickly.



New Order
Waiting For The Sirens' Call
Warner Bros.

What started as **Warsaw** changed into **Joy Division** and then through an act of suicide, became New Order, and they ruled the world. Well, they're still here, and with band members all nearing their mid forties, they still rule. The latest New Order, titled *Waiting For The Sirens' Call*, makes you realize how "80s-synth-pop" should really sound. Filled with mostly bubble-gum hits, *Waiting* also has a few treasures. Why listen to crap like The Killers when you can hear the real thing right here?

DVD



Seasons—A Surf Documentary
Ezekiel/Chad Campbell and Ross Williams

In Ross' own words, this video is "a window of time that took us one year, discovering new waves and new friends." It's a DVD that takes you around the world with Ross and friends to fun places like Bali, cold places like Norway, rippable places like Australia, and interesting places like New York City. Along with Ross (who's loose and ripping as hard as ever) are **Benji Weatherley**, **Jun Jo**, **Mikala Jones**, **Rizal**, **Jeremy Heit**, **Betet**, and **John Rose**, just to name a few. Good music and fun-looking surf will entertain you and get you amped to shred wherever you may be.



Iggy Pop
Live In San Fran 1981
Target/MVD

Live and in command! Iggy Pop prowls the stage like an uncaged tiger ready to pounce, and he does it in drag. This punk-rock legend always puts on a show you'll never forget. Hits like "Lust For Life," "TV Eye," "1969," and "I Need More" are belted out with ferocity to a crowd going absolutely ape shit. One of David Bowie's main guitar gods is playing strings, and Blondie's drummer Clem Burke is slapping the skins. Let's rock!



Taj Burrow's Fair Bits
Billabong/Brendan and Emmitt Malloy

After a whirlwind world tour, *Taj Burrow's Fair Bits* is available for home consumption. For those of you who missed out on one of the many premieres, please proceed to a surf shop near you and pick up a must-see surf flick. Funny Spike Jonze-ish skits are bumpers for mesmerizing surf action, mostly in film, and all in incredible color and quality. Taj of course rules this flick but is backed by an all-star cast of supports. The Malloy brothers' (Emmitt and Brendan) skit with Ben Stiller is classic, as is the "Garage Sale" skit by Keith Malloy.

—C.C.