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Since you asked, here's my annual accounting of all the audio-visual items that I excessively obsessed about during the year — and still do!

ON MY TURNTABLE: Ian McLagan — *Never Say Never* (Maniac) Pop album of the year! :: **Samuel James** — *Songs Famed for Sorrow and Joy* (Northern Blues) Blues album of the year! :: **Ministry** — *Cover Up* (13th Planet) Industrial album of the year! :: **Johnny Winter** — *Live Through the '70s* (MVD Visual) Music video of the year! :: **The Scenics** — *How Does it Feel to be Loved* (Dream Tower) Velvet Underground album of the year! :: **Jeff Beck** — *Live at Ronnie Scott's*

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