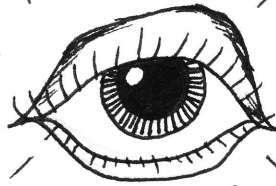


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Swans – My Father Will Guide Me Up a Rope to the Sky

Swans return, thirteen years after not being understood by the masses, and though the masses will likely never come around... Oh, who gives a shit! This record blows everything out of the water.

Trap Them – Filth Rations

Rock'n'roll from the center of the Earth, headed towards the center of the Solar System to explode the Sun. Trap Them is the cosmic fall-out. Pure energy that is both brutal and beautiful.

Melvins – The Bride Screamed Murder

The Melvins hate you, obviously.

Shining – Blackjazz

Oh, how I wish Albert Ayler was still alive to play a set with these guys. Shit will shatter your windows and annihilate your neighbor's romantic-night-at-home-alone.

Jonsi - Go

Makes me want to climb a couple of trees and start talking to the birds.

Watain – Lawless Darkness

Black Metal behemoth of the year.

Best Coast – Crazy For You

Stunningly captivating vocals with fuzzy Southern California dream pop instrumentation.

Dillinger Escape Plan – Option Paralysis

Continuing their evolution. "Widower" (track 4) is my most played track of the entire year. The crescendo will destroy the planet.

Kvelertak – Kvelertak

Norwegian Metal with vocals in the native tongue. Way to stay true and ignore the American market. We're too stubborn to support things we don't understand.

The Austerity Program – Backsliders and Apostates Will Burn

The nerds will inherit the Earth... and play heavy metal in-between writing technical manuals.

The Secret – Solve et Coagula

Italian crust/grindcore that I'm pretty sure is the world's greatest catastrophe captured in sound. Plus, it has artwork by Justin Bartlett.

Big Boi – Sir Lucious Left Foot... The Son of Chico Dusty

This record is a floor-crushing, speaker-shaking, dance machine dynamo that Kanye's "materpiece" (AKA Ego) can't even touch. Catchy, cunning, artistic, and dominating.

TWELVE RECORDINGS FROM THE
PAST TO ENLIGHTEN YOUR FUTURE

FURTHER ENLIGHTENMENT

The Black Angels – Phosphene Dream
Nighmares For a Week – Don't Die
Thou – Summit
Black Breath – Heavy Breathing
Grails – Black Tar Prophecies IV
Barn Owl – Ancestral Star
Sun Araw – On Patrol
Pocohaunted – Make it Real
Robedoor – Burners

AND IN OTHER NEWS

Best Moment:
Getting Engaged at Minnewaska

Best New Band (with no current recordings):
It's Not Night: It's Space

Best Coupling:
Jim and Monica

Best Movies:
Black Swan
Exit Through the Gift Shop
Toy Story III
Inception

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