

THE MOJO READERS' POLL 2006

YOUR VOTES COUNTED!

MOJO READERS voted in your multitudes for your picks of 2006, and the results were close. It was the year, remember, that The Raconteurs exploded, Amy Winehouse hit the house wine, and YouTube allowed us all to watch the kind of archival treasures formerly kept secret by a handful of jealous collectors – and that was just for starters. Add to this the returns of Bob Dylan, The Who and Bruce Springsteen, some truly choice reissuing from the vaults and lashings of top live entertainment, and this was, truly, a year to celebrate and glorify. Better get on with it then...

"IF YOU KNOW THE PAST YOU CAN CONTROL THE FUTURE!"



Bob Dylan and band: you people's favourite.

Artist OF THE Year

1 Bob Dylan

He was back with the superb *Modern Times* album, available in all homes with his ever-entertaining Theme Time Radio Hour show on XM satellite radio, keeping up live engagements with the rigour of a man half his age, and he even showed iTunes how it's done with the mind-scrambling, 773-track, career-spanning with-bells-on digital box set *The Collection*. Dylan's still sustaining like no one else before or since. Unfortunately, he's been hard to track down to ask about being voted MOJO's Artist Of The Year, but we liked what he said on his radio show about time: "Whatever music you love, it didn't come from nowhere. It's always good to know what went down before you, because if you know the past, you can control the future."

The RUNNERS UP...



The Raconteurs: dark silver.

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| 2 The Raconteurs | 7 Kasabian |
| 3 Arctic Monkeys | 8 Tom Waits |
| 4 Bruce Springsteen | 9 Red Hot Chili Peppers |
| 5 Amy Winehouse | 10 Joanna Newsom |
| 6 The Who | |

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



1 Arctic Monkeys

They were one of 2005's top newcomers as well, but it would be churlish to quibble after the kind of 2006 Arctic Monkeys had. They bagged the fastest-selling debut album in UK chart history, won the Mercury Prize – and Alex Turner enjoyed a joint interview with fellow poet John Cooper Clarke in MOJO 159. Roll on second album *Favourite Worst Nightmare*, out next month.

- 2 The Raconteurs
- 3 Gnarls Barkley
- 4 Corinne Bailey Rae
- 5 Flonn Regan
- 6 Lily Allen
- 7 Guillemots
- 8 The Fratellis
- 9 The Young Knives
- 10 Archie Bronson Outfit

UNSUNG HERO



1 Jarvis Cocker

We thought he'd retired and gone off to write film music and be a house husband in Paris. But four years on from Pulp's suspension of operations came the release of the debut solo album, *Jarvis*. A melodic gem of melancholy and humour, it made us happy that the world of music-making had pulled him back in for more. True, it didn't scale the mid-'90s heights of *Common People* on the radio and posterior wagging on-stage at the Brit Awards, but as a wise counsel, original thinker and conscience figure for the wider rock'n'roll oeuvre, Jarvis Cocker is still a complete success.

- 2 Surjan Stevens
- 3 The Roots
- 4 Gat Power
- 5 Daniel Johnston

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

1 Bob Dylan

Modern Times (COLUMBIA)



How many albums has he made? And still this good: deep American music played with the assurance of a true master. We particularly dug Workingman's Blues #2, where Merle Haggard's good ol' boy's honest graft anthem is spun into a song of sombre desperation. "Bob Dylan is 65. You still believe him," said MOJO 155's review in admiration. "How great is that?"

2 Arctic Monkeys

Whatever You Say I Am, That's What I'm Not (DOMINO)

3 Amy Winehouse

Back To Black (ISLAND)

4 Joanna Newsom

Ys (DRAG CITY)

5 Bruce Springsteen

We Shall Overcome (COLUMBIA)

6 Tom Waits

Orphans (JAY-T)

7 The Beatles

Love (APPLE)

8 The Flaming Lips

At War With The Mystics (WARNER BROS)

9 The Raconteurs

Broken Boy Soldiers (XL)

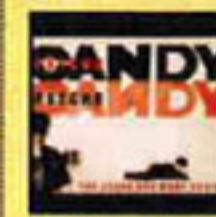
10 Guillemots

Through The Windowpane (FANTASTIC PLASTIC/POLYDOR)

REISSUE OF THE YEAR

1 The Jesus And Mary Chain

Psychocandy (REINO)



Psychocandy was blowing minds 22 years ago, and last year's reissue showed the Reid brothers' mastery of distortion and

feedback plus pop thrills to die for was still a five-star proposition. Now they've reunited, might there be more? Look out for reports of their show at the Coachella festival in April to see if Jim and William get past the first song without lamping each other.

2 Judee Sill

Abacadabra: The Asylum Years (RHINO)

3 Karen Dalton

It's So Hard To Tell... (MEGAPHONE)

4 Various

The Complete Motown Singles (HIP-O-SELECT/MOTOWN)

5 Wire

Pink Flag (EMI)

6 Big Youth

Screaming Target (TROJAN/SANCTUARY)

7 Various

Forever Changing (REINO)

8 The Triffids

Born Sandy Devotional (DOMINO)

9 The Jam

All Mod Cons (POLYDOR)

10 Julian Cope

Jehovahkill (ISLAND)

DVD OF THE YEAR



1 Nirvana

Live! Tonight! Sold Out! (UNIVERSAL)



The DVD issue of 1994's video and laserdisc, this highly regarded set included a treasure trove of live Nirvana filmed from 1991 to early 1993. Already distinguished by the infamous TOTP 'Kurt does Smells Like Teen Spirit while impersonating Morrissey' performance and a spirited barney with a bouncer during Love Buzz, even more added goodness comes in the form of songs from Amsterdam's Paradiso club in 1991, just as the band were exploding in earnest.

2 My Morning Jacket

Okonokos (ATO)

3 The Devil And Daniel Johnston

TAKIAN VIDEO

4 Pink Floyd

Pulse (EMI)

5 The Passing Show: Life & Music Of Ronnie Lane

(EAGLE)

BOOK OF THE YEAR



1 One Train Later

Andy Summers (PORTRAIT)



Tracing a life playing guitar from sitting in with the jazzers of Bournemouth in the '50s via Swinging London and on to punk and global megafame with The Police, this is a consistently funny and entertaining memoir. We strongly advise you to get a copy.

2 Redemption Song: The Definitive Biography Of Joe Strummer

Chris Salewicz (HARPER COLLINS)

3 White Bicycles: Making Music In The 1960s

Joe Boyd (SERPENT'S TAIL)

4 Van Morrison: No Surrender

Johnny Rogan (VINTAGE)

5 U2 by U2

(HARPER COLLINS)

LIVE ACT OF THE YEAR



1 Bruce Springsteen

When Springsteen came to the UK with his Seeger Sessions Band, expectations were high. They were also exceeded, due to Springsteen's palpable enjoyment and judicious additions to *We Shall Overcome*, including Johnny 99 and Open All Night.

2 The Raconteurs

3 David Gilmour

4 Arctic Monkeys

5 Red Hot Chili Peppers

6 The Who

7 Oasis

8 Kasabian

9 Muse

10 Morrissey

EVENT OF THE YEAR



1 The rise of YouTube

If it didn't exist, who'd even think to invent this limitless audio-visual archive of the great and the obscure? But invent it they did, making every day a potential Christmas morning for the discerning music lover, several times over. And if you don't know what we're on about, get over to www.youtube.com and type in the name of your favourite group. Proof if it were needed that you can never have too much of a good thing, and until further notice, a necessary daily fix for millions.

2 The rebirth of folk

3 Bob Dylan's new album

4 The Republican defeat in the US mid-term elections

5 The return of The Who

UNCONSCIONABLE ROGUE



1 Pete Doherty

For the second year in succession, Potty Pete of Pentonville trounces the opposition to be hailed as the biggest rotter of the year, worse even than Dubya (some achievement). Yes, there were seedy goings-on, pasty complexions and drugular run-ins with the authorities in abundance for the former Libertine in '06, and some parking tickets too. But will he ever again be known for actually making music? We may yet find out, with Babysambles signing a contract with the Regal label late last year, whereupon Pete demanded someone immediately give him some free fags.

2 George W. Bush

3 Russell Brand

4 Lily Allen

5 Bobby Gillespie

MUSICAL LOWPOINT



1 The death of James Brown

The passing of legends has, sadly, become a regular thing in recent times. But the departure of James Brown was still beyond bitter. Or, in the words of Julian Cope, "one of rock'n'roll's True Saviours left the building on December 25, 2006CE. Yup, the sad death of our beloved James Brown at the criminally young age of 73 means that henceforth that day shall be marked on all righteous calendars as Ain't-It-Funky-Mas."

2 The X-Factor

3 The death of Syd Barrett

4 The death of Arthur Lee

5 The Beatles' Love