
Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by venison - 2006/10/22 20:57

List three of your favorite albums that are not Billy Corgan or SP-related. :down
And talk about them! :yay

Here are mine:

Faith - The Cure
EVOL - Sonic Youth
Closer - Joy Division

EVOL is kind of hard to explain. So if you haven't heard it, I'll just advise you to go listen to it. If you look at the album cover, you'll begin to get an idea.

Faith is my favorite The Cure album. In contrast to Disintegration, it's more of a muted, quiet inner sadness. The album cover for this one also describes it perfectly. Listen to it on a grey, gloomy day. I gave half of all the songs on this album 5 stars.

And although I consider Faith to be the saddest album by The Cure, Joy Division's Closer is a serious candidate, in my opinion, for the most depressing album ever. I almost feel like I'm trivializing it by characterizing it in those terms. The album, especially in the last four songs, is extremely powerful. Paralyzing. It reaches heights of serious despair that I feel uneasy just thinking about. I won't say anymore.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by dougydarkangel - 2006/10/22 22:58

My three are:

Aenema - Tool
Superunknown - Soundgarden
Themata - Karnivool

Aenema is such a powerful album, both politicaly and musicaly, the album opener 'stinkfist' is my favourite non pumpkins song, i see this as maynards best work, both from tool and a perfect circle.

Superunknown is the best album from the grunge era in my opinion. Each song brings its own light to the album, creating a wonderful atmosphere in the album as a whole. 'Kickstand' being my favourite of the songs".

Themata is such a brilliant groundbreaking album by my favourite australian band, im not sure if it has been expoted overseas, if it has i seriously recomend it to anyone who appreciates good, original material. My favourite song on the album being "Cote".

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Alienbob - 2006/10/23 19:54

Weezer - The Blue Album
Luckyboys Confusion - Commitment
Here We Are - Swizzle Tree

I could have put Weezer's pinkerton in there as the third, but i didn't want to have two from the same band. And Swizzle tree is what has been residing in my car cd player for the past few months.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by cherry - 2006/10/23 20:00

Nirvana- Incesticide

Plxies- Tromp Le Monde
Sonic Youth- Goo
A fourth would be QOTSA- Rated R or Nirvana-Bleach

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by yteah - 2006/10/24 17:52

1. official live - 101 proof:pantera
2. burning star IV: coheed and cambria
3. second stage turbine blade: coheed and cambria

official live is the best live album ever by anyone!
and im in love with coheed and cambria ;)

you guys like a lot of old school music :heart

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by blistered_avalon501 - 2006/10/24 19:19

1. Mer de Noms - A Perfect Circle
 2. Ok Computer - Radiohead
 3. Depeche Mode - Violator
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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Inconspicuous - 2006/10/24 23:39

Only three? :sigh

David Bowie - The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars
Rocks. I love the whole glam rock scene. Not nearly as "wall of sound" as SP, but one of those albums you can listen all the way through and love every single song. And who doesn't love albums about rock gods from outer space? Favorite songs: Moonage Daydream, Starman, Hang On to Yourself, Ziggy Stardust, Rock 'n' Roll Suicide. (This album just barely beat out Bowie's Aladdin Sane, which is a "wall of sound" album, and much darker than Ziggy.)

Lou Reed - Transformer

Another glam rock album. Hookers, drug dealers, and drag queens. Is a very jazzy album, and it was produced by David Bowie, and has some awesome backing vocals by him. Plus, Lou Reed has a cool voice. Favorite songs: Perfect Day, Hangin' Round, Walk on the Wild Side, Satellite of Love.

Elton John - Goodbye Yellow Brick Road

Yet more glam! Just a good-ass album. Favorite songs: Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Candle in the Wind, Grey Seal, Jamaica Jerk-Off, Ballad of Danny Bailey, Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting), Roy Rogers.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by ZwanIST - 2006/10/25 00:37

Depeche mode : Ultra
Chemical Brothers : Dig Your Own Hole
Kraftwerk : Radioactivity :yay

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by budspencer - 2006/10/25 00:57

Tuff question:

NIN: Downward Spiral
Sneaker Pimps: Bloodsport
Depeche Mode: Songs of Faith and Devotion

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by RonForchette - 2006/10/25 21:14

1. The Promise Ring - Nothing Feels Good
 2. Underworld - Second Toughest In The Infants
 3. Radiohead - The Bends
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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by dougydarkangel (school) - 2006/10/25 21:58

Not my favourite album, but "devils" by the 69 Eyes is a really good one.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by PopTart - 2006/10/26 17:21

Tori Amos: Little Earthquakes
Alice In Chains: Dirt
Nine Inch Nails: Broken

I just love Tori's voice on this album, and "Silent All These Years" is such a meaningful song to me. And Dirt to me, just represents that entire grunge era and Angry Chair is one of my all time fave. songs. Broken may not be a full album, but each song is just so powerful.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by epitome - 2006/10/26 18:50

Well, The Black Parade by My Chemical Romance is excellent, but probably not *quite* as good as their previous album. Either of those could be in my list.

Dropkick Murphys - Sing Loud, Sing Proud is also a fantastic album.

Any Green Day album, they're all great and I find it hard to pick a favourite.

I own so many albums I really like, I find it hard to pick from them without listing half of my collection! Plus, I can't even think of all the albums I have off the top of my head.

My favourite album of all-time, without doubt, is Mellon Collie... but of course that doesn't qualify for this list.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by venison - 2006/10/26 20:49

epitome link=topic=661.msg9993#msg9993 date=1161913833]
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How about Dookie? That one's my favorite Green Day album. :)

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by siamesedreamer - 2006/10/27 01:32

1. My Bloody Valentine - Loveless

If you've heard this album, then you'll understand exactly why it's loved so much by so many people. If you haven't heard it, make it your musical priority. Sometimes, When You Sleep, Only Shallow

2. Radiohead - OK Computer

Downright depressing, yet strangely uplifting at the same time. A must listen for Pumpkins fans. Paranoid Android, Exit Music (For A Film), Karma Police

3. Neutral Milk Hotel - In The Aeroplane Over The Sea

A fuzzy folk epic, with songs about love, sex and Anne Frank. Two Headed Boy Part 1, Two Headed Boy Part 2, In The Aeroplane Over The Sea

There are loads of other albums that I could have picked, but I managed to narrow it down to those three.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Shame - 2006/10/27 02:58

1. The Cure: Disintegration (It was hard to chose between this and Faith, but to me Disintegration is up there with Adore for being the most atmospheric album ever.)

2. The Pixies: Doolittle

3. Zwan: Mary Star of The Sea??? - I am allowed to chose this one. It's not a Smashing pumpkin album and it is brilliant.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Ruby - 2006/10/27 04:15

david bowie-low
sonic youth-experimental jet set, trash and no star
hole-pretty on the inside
jeff buckley-grace
radiohead-ok computer
at the drive in-relationship of command
pixies-this is a hard one but probably doolittle
nirvana-inutero
cat power-you are free
antony and the johnsons-self titled
queens of the stone age-rated R
Queen-jazz
pj harvey-to bring you my love
the stranglers-la folie

i could go on forever.....

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/10/27 09:21

Joy Division - Closer
Joy Division - Unknown Pleasures
KRS One - KRS One

The first two are pretty self explanatory. Joy Division is my favorite band besides the Pumpkins. No one does depression like Ian Curtis - NOBODY! If I had to write a soundtrack for my life half would be Pumpkins and half would be Joy Division. I'm listening to KRS One's self titled album right now and it's really refreshing. With all the "crap rap" out today I had to dig into the archives for some hip hop to listen to. This album was over my head when I was young but he raises some great points on this disc about everything from politics to religion. Far from the babble that passes for rap these days.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Symbelmine - 2006/10/27 16:29

Metropol Part II: Escenes from a Memory / Dream Theater
Kid A / Radiohead
Reckoning Nights / Sonata Arctica

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by dudehitscar - 2006/10/29 13:03

Ok 3 is just too hard...

At the Drive In - In/Casino/Out. This band and this album is just brilliant, fun, creative, and never gets old. Most people would list Relationship of Command and while that one has much better production and is heavier it doesn't have the variety that In/Casino/Out does. The album was recorded live in the studio and is better for it. Great lyrics if you like lots of metaphors but a lot of fun can be had trying to figure them out. To this day I don't think there will ever be a better punk band than At the Drive In. I miss them so.

Bjork - Homogenic. She has the voice of the gods but the gods speak much different than you would expect. The combination of Dark electronica and classical music is astounding and breathtaking at times. Bjork is a true artist and this is her masterpiece. Good variety, songwriting, and of course Bjork's expansive voice.

Bob Dylan - Highway 61 revisited. There is nothing I can say about this album that hasn't already been said and resaid by Harvard scholars and broke ass coffeshop poets. It's flawless.

Rage Against The Machine - Battle For Los Angeles. Guerilla Radio may be one of their worst songs. But Rage never wrote a bad song. The rest of the album is just crushing. Slowing down a bit from the Bad Brains inspired mayhem of Evil Empire; the band puts out the best music of their career. The solos are crazy, the riffs are heavy, and they created one of my favorite songs of all time: Ashes in the Fall. If you haven't heard this song GET IT. Zach mellowed out a tad to bring you his most effective rapping and saving the screams for maximum impact. His lyrics are thoughtprovoking, anger inducing, and always propells the music. This is the album that made me realize the importance of lyrics. So in a way it's responsible for my love of the Pumpkins.

Explosions in the Sky - The Earth is not a Cold Dead Place. Instrumental music that says a lot more than most music with lyrics. The drum performances on this album rival the Pumpkins.

I'm going to stop here I think but I could go on.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by lite brigade - 2006/10/29 13:31

Smashing Pumpkins are really the odd ones out in my music taste, I'm a complete new indie rock kid.

- 1) The Libertines, Self titled
- 2) Bloc Party, Silent Alarm
- 3) Dirty Pretty Things, Waterloo to Anywhere

The Libertines just sum up what is so good about British music, no one can deny that they (and possibly Franz Ferdinand) started the new wave of indie punk rock thats everywhere now. The albums just amazing, It doesn't matter what anyone says about him, Pete Doherty is one of the best writers around.

Bloc Party are just so talented musicly, I'm seeing them in february a few days before their second album comes out. Their music is very modern and very progressive (but not in the prog rock sense thank god.)

Waterloo to Anywhere is the best modern punk album around, like the libertines very British (possibly because its fronted by a man who used to be in the libertines), very good music and lyrics, some songs which are quite similar to Behold! The Night mare in the sense that they have tempo changes midway thru the song which work really well.

Also, I love 80's new wave like the cure and Echo and the Bunnymen but i don't have favourite albums by them

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by blistered_avalon501 - 2006/10/29 20:52

People have been using the terms "punk" and "indie" in a ridiculously gratuitous way as of late...

Anyway, I agree with you Believe. That last sentence sums it up perfectly:

Believe link=topic=661.msg10027#msg10027 date=1161966105]
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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by pugman - 2006/10/29 21:05

wow, it's to hard to name just three, but I am a big fan of 80s hardcore punk, goth rock, and grunge. That might be why I like SP, they had a goth element and a grunge element.

I was raised on prog rock, and I knew almost every Rush album by the time i was three. Needless to say, I hate them

now, except for 2112, which is still a decent album, and their newer albums, but between 2112 and the 90s is complete shit

Old garage rock is cool too:)

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by pugman - 2006/10/29 21:06

The non-SP album I'm into now, because my brother is always playing it everywhere (it's funny because this isn't what i normally listen to)

Muse - Absolution

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/11/02 03:28

dudehitscar link=topic=661.msg10137#msg10137 date=1162155836]

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Two Thumbs up for this review. I totally agree and Bjork Totally slipped my mind. I guess because I put her music on such a different level. It's really like going to church. To quote the RZA "She has a voice that can communicate with the gods."

"Joga" is so emotional - it's like a conversation with God - a prayer set to the the landscape of those powerful strings. She is the BEST female musician in my eyes.

And while we are on the topic of female artists:

I'd like to add Sade - Love Deluxe to my list. It's a perfect album.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by alberto_black - 2006/11/02 09:25

Tool- Ae nema
Alice in chains - dirt
Therion - crowning of atlantis
Pearl jam - ten
Satyricon - the forest is my throne.

they are the best, but smashing pumpkins are fuckin Gods :heart :upset :upset :heart

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by TeacupHeart - 2006/11/02 09:36

Tommy Heavenly6 - Tommy Heavenly6
Jem - Finally Woken
Aimee Mann - Lost in Space

The Hours soundtrack
Placebo - Once More With Feeling Collection
The Beatles - Magical Mystery Tour
Lisa Loeb - Nine Tales (haven't listened to that one in a while)
The Cure - Disintegration

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by 17songs - 2006/11/02 13:04

three, huh? how 'bout a non-sp "desert island dozen"?
joy division-unknown pleasures
david bowie-low
elliott smith-s/t
the smiths-hatful of hollow (a comp, i know)
the cure-faith
guided by voices-bee thousand
radiohead-ok pc
rem-up
echo and the bunnymen-heaven up here
wire-chairs missing
spoon-girls can tell
the replacements-let it be

at least at this exact moment, anyway...

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Glopaiswe - 2006/11/02 13:11

17songs link=topic=661.msg10398#msg10398 date=1162501449]
radiohead-ok pc

What a nice way to shorten the album name! XD :D

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Teej212 - 2006/11/02 14:18

you gotta love...

Silent Steeples- dispatch
Exile on Main Street- Rolling Stones
London Calling- the Clash
Appetite for Destruction- GNR
What's the Story Morning Glory- Oasis
By the Way- Red Hot Chili Peppers(ONLY WORK BY RHCP I LIKE)
Tommy(Thats my name, haha)-The Who
Origin of Symmetry- Muse
showbiz- Muse
December's Children- The Rolling Stones
Dookie-Green Day
Kerplunk- GGreen Day
Fast Japanese Spin Cycle-Guided By Voices

Thats alot.....heh-heh-heh.....well they are great albums..LISTEN TO THEM

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by xXAstroHeartXx - 2006/11/02 14:27

Absolution by Muse
Funeral by Arcade Fire
Plans by Death Cab For Cutie
the Downward Spiral by Nine Inch Nails
Dookie by Greenday
What's the Story Morning Glory by Oasis
OK Computer & the Bends by Radiohead
Admission Committee (not sure if that is right.) by Mirah Yom Tov Zeitlyn

and other I can't think of...

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Starla Bing - 2006/11/02 15:07

Led Zeppelin 4 (dont have roman numerals)
tool-aenema
depeche mode-songs of faith and devotion
whats the story morning gllory-oasis
out of time-REM
second toughest in the infants-Underworld
the fragile-NIN
The Cure-Disintigration
The Police-regatta de blanc
Skinny Puppy-brap
Hole-Live through this
Orbital-orbital
David bowie-heroes
there are so many I could go on forever.

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Glopaiswe - 2006/11/02 15:44

xXAstroHeartXx link=topic=661.msg10401#msg10401 date=1162506455]
Absolution by Muse
Funeral by Arcade Fire
OK Computer by Radiohead

I know those 3 ones and they're enough to show that you have a great taste in music! :)

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by dani_adore - 2006/11/02 16:55

in no particular order...

anything by Ted Leo and the Pharmacists
40 Oz. To Freedom -- Sublime
The Blue Album -- Weezer
What's the Story, Morning Glory? -- Oasis
Jagged Little Pill -- Alanis Morissette
Licensed to Ill -- Beastie Boys
Tidal -- Fiona Apple
Dummy -- Portishead

etc, etc, etc...

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by evando - 2006/11/02 17:08

I'm not even gonna try to limit this to three, but here are some of my favorites (i'm probably still forgetting something...)
i'll limit it to one per artist.

Gogol Bordello: Multi Kontra Culti vs. Irony
Sonic Youth: Daydream Nation
Madvillain: Madvillainy
J Dilla: Donuts
Quasimoto: The Unseen
Pixies: Surfer Rosa
Talib Kweli and Mos Def are Black Star
My Bloody Valentine: Loveless
John Coltrane: A Love Supreme
Beck: Odelay
Gorillaz: Demon Days

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/11/03 06:37

You have excellent taste Evando...Not too many people know about Lord Quas and Kudos on the Coltraine, J-Dilla, and Black Star

Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by epitome - 2006/11/04 15:45

TeacupHeart link=topic=661.msg10394#msg10394 date=1162489016]
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The Cure - Disintegration

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I have The Forgotten Arm by Aimee Mann. I just saw it in a shop, had never heard of her and know nothing about her music, but I bought it anyway. I find it to be an alright album - how does it compare to her other work?

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by TeacupHeart - 2006/11/06 07:28

I like "Lost in Space" better.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by epitome - 2006/11/06 12:03

Ok...

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by xXAstroHeartXx - 2006/11/06 14:11

Glopaiswe link=topic=661.msg10410#msg10410 date=1162511058]
xXAstroHeartXx link=topic=661.msg10401#msg10401 date=1162506455]
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OK Computer by Radiohead

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Thank you! Muse's new album pretty good although it takes many listening to fully appreciate it.

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by evando - 2006/11/09 19:41

Believe link=topic=661.msg10444#msg10444 date=1162564639]
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thanks, Believe.

(RIP Dilla :())

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by yourmom3000 - 2006/11/13 17:41

Bury The Hatchet - The Cranberries

American Idiot - Green Day

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by yteah - 2006/11/13 17:43

kezia, by protest the hero (i just listened to it fully, its greater than i thought)

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2006/11/13 17:51

The Bends and OK Computer, Help!, the blue album, pinkerton, 5150, the very best of cream, and the best of the doors, who's next

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/11/15 04:42

Do Best of albums count??? This changes everything!!!!

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/11/15 04:45

U2 Best of 1980 - 1990 album

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Teej212 - 2006/11/15 12:57

Rivers Cuomo link=topic=661.msg11340#msg11340 date=1163469071]

The Bends and OK Computer, Help!, the blue album, pinkerton, 5150, the very best of cream, and the best of the doors, who's next

who's next is the second best who album ever! i love it...you can not beat tommy though :billy

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by yteah - 2006/11/15 14:40

number of the beast- iron maiden

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by Believe - 2006/11/16 04:25

Experience Hendrix: The Best of Jimi Hendrix

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The Frogs - It's Only Right And Only Natural
The Frogs - Hopscotch and
Hanzel Und Gretyl - Uber Alles
JJ72 - JJ72
JJ72 - I To Sky
Rammstein - Seinsucht
Rammstein - Mutter
Wumpscut - Wreath Of Barbs
VNV Nation - Praise The Fallen

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Re: Favorite Non-SP Albums

Posted by joene - 2006/11/24 14:25

My three favourite non-BC-related albums are:

1. The Mars Volta - Frances The Mute (gotta love this one!!!!)
 2. Sonic Youth - Rather Ripped (this is their latest album as you may know, and i think it's just plain gorgeous, go check it out!)
 3. Damien Rice - O
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