

Best of 2007 "The Year of Brooklyn"

Rank	Band	Album	Location (present/original)	Genres	Comments
1	The National	Boxer	Brooklyn, NY/Cincinnati, OH	indie, chamber pop, sadcore	sublime perfection, stayed in the CD player for three months
2	Radiohead	In Rainbows	Oxford, England	experimental art rock, chamber pop, electronica	best band in the world since 1995, I love you, thank you
3	Beirut	The Flying Club Cup	Brooklyn, NY/Santa Fe, NM	indie, folk, world	Jacques Brel channeled through this 21-year-old boy genius
4	Burial	Untrue	London, England	dubstep	moody and evocative like nothing you've ever heard
5	Arcade Fire	Neon Bible	Montreal, Quebec	indie, chamber pop	no sophomore slump for this best new band of the last couple years
6	Okkervil River	The Stage Names	Austin, TX/Meriden, NH	indie, folk, alt-country, sadcore	top-notch hyperliterate wildly referential songwriting
7	Yeasayer	All Hour Cymbals	Brooklyn, NY	Middle Eastern-psych-pop-snap-gospel	wow! what the heck is THAT? love it! very compelling
8	Band of Horses	Cease to Begin	South Carolina/Seattle, WA	indie rock	simple and beautiful, lead-off single Is there a Ghost is a knockout
9	The New Pornographers	Challengers	Vancouver, British Columbia	indie, underground power pop	so clever, so polished, so fun to sing along to
10	Iron & Wine	The Shepherd's Dog	Brooklyn, NY/South Carolina	folk, lo-fi	Sam Beam's best ever, lotsa banjo, with true hit single
11	PJ Harvey	White Chalk	Dorset, England	indie, experimental	PJ shocks everyone, trades guitar for piano, lower register for upper
12	LCD Soundsystem	Sound of Silver	New York, NY	electronica, dance punk	fun fun fun, turn it up, watch the tapes you North American scum!
13	Bruce Springsteen	Magic	Rumson, NJ/Freehold, NJ	rock, folk	Bruce's best rock album in 23 years, sounds great on Route 195
14	Elvis Perkins	Ash Wednesday	New York, NY/Los Angeles, CA	folk, singer-songwriter	Tony Perkins' son sings beautiful sad songs
15	Jens Lekman	Night Falls Over Kortedala	Gothenberg, Sweden	chamber pop	great voice, wildly theatrical a la Magnetic Fields, but filled with samples
16	The Shins	Wincing the Night Away	Albuquerque, NM	indie rock	more ear candy from one of first indie bands to hit it big
17	The Pipettes	We are the Pipettes	Brighton, England	indie pop	modern update of the girl group concept, brilliantly executed
18	Sigur Rós	Hvarf/Heim	Reykjavík, Iceland	post-rock, experimental, shoegaze, ambient	the most staggeringly beautiful music on earth, this time mostly acoustic
19	Elliott Smith	New Moon	Los Angeles, CA (deceased)	indie rock, folk, lo-fi, sadcore	he may be dead but he's still great, old stuff that sounds new
20	Great Lake Swimmers	Ongiara	Wainfleet, Ontario	indie rock, folk, sadcore	how many more of these beautiful folk bands are out there?