

**O**ur huge Critics' Poll panel consists of well-informed journalists, radio presenters, promoters, record label and dealer staff, musicians and people from all walks of the roots music business internationally. Between them, in the course of their work or listening, they are likely to have heard a far wider range of the year's releases – either across the board or in their own specific fields of expertise – than the average. In November 2004 we emailed about 280 and got a good 'turnout' of all those listed here who kindly took the time to give us the benefit of their judgement. No rain forests were harmed in the collection of votes! Beyond doubt, this is the most widely researched guide to the key world roots albums of the year that you will encounter anywhere.

We asked our experts to nominate 6 new single artist (solo or group) albums and 4 re-issues/ compilations/ historic recordings. The main provisos were that albums should have been released since November 2003 and that they should fall into any of the areas of music that we cover in *fRoots*: any music from anywhere with roots in a tradition.

As with every year, there were a few releases that caused confusion as to which section they fell in or when they were released. This year we got quite a few late votes for last year's winner, Rokia Traore's *Bowmboi* since it wasn't released in the USA until nearly a year after Europe. We also tried to clarify that where a newly recorded and released album brings together a number of collaborating artists in a special project that has common musicians and producer across all tracks, it should be included in the New Albums section with the project title as the artist name – things like *Mandekalou* and *The Big Session*. We amalgamated mis-placed votes together in the right hole.

As ever, good taste and the editor decreed that people were not allowed to vote for their own works or those of the companies they work for. Also we didn't have the heart to ask people to place their choices in any order of relative merit, so we list them alphabetically by artist, as we have done with the contributors, and award each nomination one point.

Under each entry, the first paragraph is for new single artist (soloist or group) CDs and the second for compilations, re-issues and historic recordings.

**IAN ANDERSON:** *fRoots* Editor, musician, net radio.

**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Jaobjob** *Malagasy* (Discorama); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Old Swan Band** *Swan-Upmanship* (Wild Goose); **La Talvera** *Poble Mon Poble* (Cordae La Talvera); **Think Of One** *Chuva Em Po* (Zonk/LCM)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Bembeya Jazz National** *The Sylphone Years* (Stern's); **The Mekons** *Heaven & Hell* (Cooking Vinyl); **Various** *Zanzibar* (Jahazi)

**KIT BAILEY:** Broadcast assistant Mike Harding Show BBC Radio 2, agent, TV, stage & event production

**Eric Bibb** *Friends* (Manhattan Records); **Nollaig Casey** *The Music Of What Happened* (Old Bridge Music); **Loretta Lynn** *The Van Lear Rose* (Polydor); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Peter Bellamy** *Fair Annie* (Fellside); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* (Island/Universal); **The Watsons** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic)

**SARA BARNARD:** *fRoots* Writer; Music education projects co-ordinator.

**Ani DiFranco** *Educated Guess* (Rightous Babe Music); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **English Acoustic Collective** *Ghosts* (RUF Records); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon); **Bill Staines** *Journey Home* (Red House); **Chris Stout** *First o' The Darkenin'* (Greentrax)

**NICK BEALE:** *fRoots* reviewer, author

**Pete Coe** *In Paper Houses* (Backshift); **Hughes de Courson** *Lux Obscura* (Virgin Classics); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Waterson Carthy** *Fishes & Fine Yellow Sand* (Topic); **Gabriel Yacoub** *Je Vois Venire* (Le Rousseau)

**Shirley Collins & The Albion Country Band** *No Roses* (Sanctuary); **Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* (Island/Universal); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *Pour Down Like Silver* (Island)

**ALAN BEARMAN:** Festival programmer, Editor *Direct Roots*

**The Big Session** *Volume 1* (Westpark); **Bohola** *Bohola 4* (Shanachie); **Pete Coe** *In Paper Houses* (Backshift); **Steve Earle** *The Revolution Starts...Now* (Artemis); **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas** *Fire & Grace* (Culburnie); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon)

**Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Archie Fisher & Garnet Rogers** *Off The Map* (Greentrax); **Bill Morrissey** *The Essential Collection* (Rounder); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *Pour Down Like Silver* (Island)

**FRANÇOIS BENSIGNOR:** French world music freelance journalist, author and manager of the French Information Center for Traditional & World Music

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Ross Daly & Trio Chemirani** *Archives 11-06-2003* (Naïve); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Hadouk Trio** *Live à FIP* (Celluloid); **Youssou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan** *The Ultimate The Songs From The Peak Of His Career* (EMI); **Various** *Gamelan Of Central Java* (Arion); **Various** *Trésors de la Musique Algérienne* (Harmonia Mundi)

**CHRISTOPH BORKOWSKY**

**AKBAR:** Director of Womex and Piranha Records

**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Youssou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **Roberto Rodriguez** *Baila! Gitana Baila!* (Tzadik)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs); **Various** *Festival In The Desert* (Independent); **Various** *Forgotten Guitars From Moçambique* (SWP)

**BILL BRAGIN:** Director of Joe's Pub at the Public Theater (Arts Presenter) and DJ Acidophilus (of GlobeSonic collective)

**Kevin Johansen** *Sur O No Sur* (Sony); **Aurelio Martinez** *Garifuna Soul* (Stonetree); **Emeline Michel** *Rasin Kreyol* (Times Square); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Viento de Agua** *Unplugged Materia Prima* (Smithsonian Folkways)

**Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs); **Various** *The Internationalists Present Ethnomixology* (Six Degrees); **Various** *Urban Brazil* (Earthworks); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**DANIEL BROWN:** Staff producer/journalist Radio France International. Editor-in-chief of English site of Mandomix.com

**Keyvan Chemirani** *The Rhythms Of Speech* (); **Yousra Dhabbi** *Rhapsody For Lute* (Institut du Monde Arabe); **Toto Bono Lokua** *Toto Bono Lokua* (Universal); **Angel Parra** *Angel Parra Chante Pablo Neruda* (EPM Music); **Darko Rundek & Cargo** *Orkestar Ruke* (Piranha); **Lobi Traore** *Mali Blue* (Night & Day)

**STEVE BUNYAN:** Union Square Music Director

**Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Mercan Dede** *Su* (Doublemoon); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World); **Ska Cubano** *Ska Cubano* (Casino Sounds); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Various** *Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56* (V2 Music); **Various** *Congotronics* (Crammed Disc)

**KIM BURTON:** Translator, musician

**Mestre Ambrosio** *Fua Na Casa De Cabral* (Chaos); **Edo Maajka** *No Sikiriki* (FMJamb/MAlex music); **Martin Lubenov** *Orkestar Dui Droma* (Connecting Cultures); **Orkestar Pece** *Atanasovski* *Orkestar Pece* *Atanasovski* (); **Belo Platno** *Belo Platno* (ATOS); **Darko Rundek & Cargo** *Orkestar Ruke* (Piranha); **Silvana Armenulic** *Sacuali Smo Od Zabarava 2* (); **Zaim Imamovic** *Pjesma Srca Moga* (Buybook); **Various** *Music From Macedonia 1 & 2* (Caprice); **Various** *Srbija Sounds Global 3* (B92)

**RODDY CAMPBELL:** Editor of Canada's *Penguin Eggs* magazine

**Boy With A Fish** *Birds Fly Backwards* (Left Ear); **Dyad** *Who's Been Here Since I've Been Gone* (Copperspine); **Fiamma Fumana** *Home* (Omniium); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **The Wailin' Jennys** *40 Days* (Jericho Beach)

**Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Jimmie Dale Gilmore** *Don't Look For A Heartache* (Hightone); **Vakoka** *Introducing* (World Music Network); **The Watsons** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic)

**ELIZA CARTHY:** Musician, Campaigner for Real Folk

**Bellowhead** *Bellowhead* (); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Go Lem System** *Viaje* (Trip Songs); **Old Swan Band** *Swan-Upmanship* (Wild Goose); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World); **Kathryn Tickell** *Band Air Dancing* (Park)

**Gotan Project** *Inspiracion-Espiracion* ()

**GARTH CARTWRIGHT:** *fRoots* contributor, freelance writer.

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Boban Marcovic** *Orkestar Boban I Marco* (Piranha); **Sekou Bembeya** *Diabate Guitar Fô* (Discorama); **Gypsy Kings** *Roots* (Sine); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Old Crow Medicine Show** *Old Crow Medicine Show* (EMI)

**Saban Bajramovic** *The Gypsy King Of Serbia* (Arc); **Various** *Hot Women* (Kein & Aber); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikon); **Various** *The Silk Road* (Smithsonian Folkways)

**CHRISTINE CHARTER:** *fRoots* contributor, freelance writer.

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Kose Manuel** *Budino Zume De Terra Coleccion Do Fol* (Boa); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Juan Carlos Romero** *Romero* (Harmonia Mundi)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Polo Montanez** *Memoria* (Lusafrica); **Chango Spasiuk** *The Charme Of The Chamamé* (Weltwunder); **Tarika** *10 Beasts, Ghosts And Dancing With History* (Artemis)

**TOM CHEYNEY:** LA-based journo. **Dave Alvin** *Ashgrove* (Yeproc); **Steve Earle** *The Revolution Starts...Now* (Artemis); **Gogol**

**Bordello vs. Tamir Muskat** *J.U.F.* (Stinky); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Ryukyu Underground** *Ryukyu Remixed* (Respect); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs); **Papa Wemba** *Mwana Molokai – The First 20 Years (1977-1997)* (Stern's Africa)

**SIMON COE:** Virgin Retail  
**Arlenés** *Going To California* (Loose); **Manuel Guajiro Mirabal** *BVSC Presents* (World Circuit); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Ska Cubano** *Ska Cubano* (Casino Sounds); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Bembeya Jazz National** *The Sylphone Years* (Stern's); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Various** *The Very Best Of The Far East* (Nascente); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**MARK COOPER:** Executive Producer, BBC TV

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **John Martyn** *One World* (Island); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Carter Family** *The Unbroken Circle* (Dualtone); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *Shoot Out The Lights* (Hannibal)

**JANE CORNWELL:** Journalist  
**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Little Axe** *Champagne & Grits* (Real World); **Taffetas** *Taffetas* (Most); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Manu Dibango** *The Rough Guide To Manu Dibango* (World Music Network); **Vusi Mahlasela** *The Collection The First Three Albums* (BMG); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *More Great Moments Of Vinyl History* (Wrasse)

**ANDREW CRONSHAW:** Musician; *fRoots* writer

**Bukkene Bruse** *Spel* (Heilo); **Susanne Lundeng** *Forunderlig Ferd* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **Ionica Minune** *Ionica Minune si Dragostea Pentru Acordeon* (Electrecord); **Ale Möller** *Band Bodjal* (Amigo); **Mercedes Peón** *Ajrú* (Discmedi); **Johan Sara Jr & Group** *Boska* (DAT)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Various** *The Alan Lomax Collection The Spanish Recordings – Basque Country Biscay And Guipuzcoa* (Rounder); **Various** *Music From Macedonia 1 & 2* (Caprice); **Various** *Raddir – Voices – Recordings Of Folksongs From The Archives Of The Arni Magnússon Institute in Iceland* (Smekkleysa)

**JOHN CROSBY:** Independent PR/record compiler/sleevenote writer

**Leonard Cohen** *Dear Heather* (Columbia); **Danu** *Up In The Air* (Shanachie); **Bob Davenport** *The*

*Common Stone* (Topic); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Daby Toure** *Diam* (Realworld); **Uiscedwr** *Everywhere* (Yukka)

**Cliff Carlisle** *A Country Legacy 1930-1939* (JSP); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Various** *The UK Sue Label Story 1-3* (Ace)

**PETER CULSHAW:** Music writer, *Daily Telegraph*, *OMM* etc

**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Manuel Guajiro Mirabal** *BVSC Presents* (World Circuit); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Virginia Rodrigues** *Mares Profundis* (eDGe Music); **Huong Thanh** *Mangustao* (ACT)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Greece* (Putumayo); **Various** *Hot Women* (Kein & Aber); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikont)

**ROBIN DENSELOW:** BBC & *Guardian* journalist

**Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Fairport Convention** *Cropredy Capers* (Free Reed); **Fela Kuti** *Musica Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit)  
**BOJAN DJORDJEVIC:** Radio DJ; Manager, Belgrade.

**Teofilo Chantre** *Azulando* (Lusafrica); **Miguel Gil** *Kata* (Galileo); **Kayhan Kalhor & Ali Akbar Moradi** *In The Mirror Of The Sky* (World Village); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Syllart); **Manuel Guajiro Mirabal** *BVSC Presents* (World Circuit); **Spanish Harlem Orchestra** *Across 110th St* (Rykodisc)

**Bonga** *Live* (Lusafrica); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *The Diaspora Of Rembetiko* (Network); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs)

**PETR DORUZKA:** Radio and Press Journalist, Prague.

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'o Munno* (Wrasse); **Gangbe Brass Band** *Whendo* (Contre Jour); **Yasmin Levy** *La Juderia* (Adama); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Zubop** *Gambia Live At Ronnie Scott's* (33 Jazz)

**Nick Drake** *Made To Love Magic* (Island); **Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan** *A Sufi Supreme* (Manteca); **Various** *Hot Women* (Kein & Aber); **Various** *Indian Women's Voices – Bollywood* (Manteca 52)

**LUCY DURAN:** Radio 3 presenter.  
**Keletigui Diabate** *Sandiya* (Contrejour); **Nahawa Doumbia** *Diby* (Cobalt); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Sylla); **Manuel Guajiro Mirabal** *BVSC Presents* (World Circuit); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Rough*

*Guide To The Music Of Morocco* (); **Various** *Tribal, Folk And Cafe Music Of West Africa* (Pearl); **Papa Wemba** *1977-1997* (Sterns)

**STEVE EDGE:** Rogue Folk Club organiser and radio DJ in Vancouver

**Dave Alvin** *Ashgrove* (Yeproc); **The Bills** *Let 'Em Run* (Borealis); **David Francey** *Waking Hour* (Jericho Beach); **Lunasa** *The Kinnitty Sessions* (Compass); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Syllart); **La Musgana** *Temas Profanos* (Lubican)

**Pierre Imbert** *L'Age De Pierre Croisiere* (Cordes Productions); **Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Various** *African Guitar Summit* (CBC Records)

**MARK ELLINGHAM:** *Rough Guides*

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **David Darling & The Wulu Bunun** *Mudanin Kata* (); **Think Of One** *Chuva Em Po* (Zonk/LCM)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Gilles Peterson** *Gilles Peterson In Brazil* (); **Various** *Arabia The Essential Album* (); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs)

**BANNING EYRE:** Author, *Afropop* Worldwide, *fRoots* contributor

**Eva Ayllon** *Eva! Leyenda Peruana* (Times Square Records); **Jaobjob** *Malagasy* (Discorama); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Various** *The Rough Guide To African Rap* (World Music Network); **Various** *Rough Guide To The Music Of Morocco* (World Music Network); **Various** *Zambush, Vol 1* *Zambian Hits From The 80s* (SWP Records); **Papa Wemba** *Mwana Molokai – The First 20 Years (1977-1997)* (Stern's Africa)

**LARS FAHLIN:** Journalist.

**Hughes de Courson** *Lux Obscura* (Virgin Classics); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Leilia Madama** (Discmedi); **Little Axe** *Champagne & Grits* (Real World); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Oskorri** *Desertori* (Elkari)

**Archimedes Badkar** *Tre* (MNV); **Third Ear Band** *Alchemy Elements* (Gottdiscs); **Richard Thompson** *Henry The Human Fly* (Fledg'ling); **The Watersons** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic)

**PAUL FISHER:** Far Side Music, broadcaster; *fRoots* contributor; Resonance FM.

**Umeko Ando** *Upopo Sanke* (Chikar Studio); **Blue Asia** *Hotel Vietnam* (King Records); **Micabox** *Hinemosu* (Cutting Edge); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **Huong Thanh** *Mangustao* (ACT); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Various** *150 Years Of Japanese Brass Bands* (King Records); **Various** *Nu Europe* (Manteca); **Various** *Ryukyu Mabuya Sounds* (Cutting Edge); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**DAVID FLOWER:** Agent; Manager; Promoter

**Diego Carrasco** *Mi ADN Flamenco* (Nuevos Medios); **Ba Cissoko** *Sabolon* (Marabi); **Keletigui Diabate** *Sandiya* (Contrejour); **Sekou Diabate** *Guitar Fô* (); **Omar Sosa** *Mulatos* (Otá-Melodia); **Tomatito** *Agradulce* (Universal)

**Moving Hearts** *Donal Lunny's Definitive* (Warner Ireland); **Thierry Robin** *Alezane* (Naïve); **Various** *Festival Gnaouwa Essaouria Live Edition 2003* (Nocturne); **Various** *Fragua Futura* (Nuevos Medios)

**TOM FROUGE:** Triloka Records

**Dave Alvin** *Ashgrove* (Yeproc); **Kieran Kane & Kevin Welch** *You Can't Save Everybody* (Compass); **Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali** *Days Of Color* (Real World); **Todd Snyder** *East Nashville Skyline* (Oh! Boy); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Various** *Beautiful Dreamer The Songs Of Stephen Foster* (American Roots Publishing)

**KIYOSHI FUNATSU:** Folk music shop Tambourine, Japan

**Bukkene Bruse** *Spel* (Heilo); **Tim Eriksen** *Every Sound Below* (Appleseed); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Teada** *La An Dreoilin* (Gael Linn); **Kathryn Tickell** *Band Air Dancing* (Park); **Zungo** *Szive Jarasat Hallod Az Idonek* (Etnofon)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Christy Moore** *Whatever Tickles Your Fancy* (Raven); **Pentangle** *The Lost Broadcasts 1968-1972* (Hux); **Richard Thompson** *Henry The Human Fly* (Fledg'ling)

**CLIFF FURNALD:** Editor, *RootsWorld*; proprietor, *cdRoots*; radio producer, *WPKN-FM USA*

**Epifani Barbers** *Marannui* (Forrest Hill); **Fake Orchestra** *Fake World* (Own label); **Ale Möller** *Band Bodjal* (Amigo); **Leroy Young** *Just Like That* (Stonetree); **Gabriel Yacoub** *Je Vois Venire* (Le Rousseau)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Eivind Mo** *Hardingfele* (Talik); **Various** *Lullabies From The Axis Of Evil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **Various** *The Transports* (Free Reed)

**MIKE GAVIN:** Press Officer

**Compagnies Musicales du Tafilalet** *The Call Of The Oases* (Institut du Monde Arabe); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Nathaniel Mayer** *I Just Want To Be Held* (Fat Possum); **Dr Orlando Owoh & Omineh Band** *Iyawo Olele* (NGD); **Walter Tilgner** *Winter Am Bodensee* (Wergo); **Mr David Vyner** *This Boy Don't Care* (Polydor)

**Henry Flynt** *Back Porch Hillbilly Blues Vols 1 & 2* (Bo Weevil Records); **Jo Ann Kelly** *Blues & Gospel* (Blues Matters); **Various** *Lif Up Yuh Leg An Trample* (Honest Jon's); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikont).



**RICHARD GEHR:** US Journalist  
**Kiran Ahluwalia** Beyond Boundaries (Kiran Music); **Antibalas** *Who Is This America?* (Ropeadope); **Lo'Jo** *Ce Soir Là* (IRL/Emma Productions); **Mono Pause** *Neung Phak* (Abduction); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Joanna Newsom** *The Milk-Eyed Mender* (own label)  
**Various** *Cambodian Cassette Archives Khmer Folk And Pop Music Vol. 1* (Sublime Frequencies); **Various** *Lif Up Yuh Leg An Trample* (Honest John's); **Various** *Princess Nicotine Folk And Pop Music Of Myanmar* (Burma) (Sublime Frequencies); **Various** *Radio India The Eternal Dream Of Sound* (Sublime Frequencies)

**CHARLIE GILLET:** BBC Radio London & World Service presenter.

**Aiwa** *Aiwa* (Wikkid); **Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Gipsy Kings** *Roots* (Sine); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Thierry Robin** *Akzane* (Naive); **The Staple Singers** *The Ultimate Staple Singers* (Kent); **Various** *20 Years History The Very Best Of Syllart Production* (Next); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikont)

**ROBERT GREGOR:** Radio DJ, Radio FM, Slovakia

**Blue Asia** *Hotel Vietnam* (King Records); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Bebel Gilberto** *Bebel Gilberto* (Nonesuch); **Mango Molas** *Pena* (G.A. Records); **Mitsoura** *Mitsoura* (Mitsoura Production); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch)

**Various** *Astor Piazzola Remixed* (Milan); **Various** *Brazilian Love* (Far Out); **Various** *Soweto* (Trikont); **Various** *World Groove* (Putumayo)

**STEVE HEAP:** Director of FolkArts England and Mrs Casey Music. Ex-Director of Sidmouth Festival.

**Afro Celt Sound System** *Pod* (Real World); **The Big Session** *Volume 1* (Westpark); **Bress** *Monkey Flame Of Fire* (Topic); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon); **Susana Seivane** *Mares de Tempo* (BOA); **Uiscedwr** *Everywhere* (Yukka)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* (Island/Universal); **The Watsons** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic); **Various** *Steppin' Up* (Topic)

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**Roberto De Simone & Media Aetas** *Li Turchi Viaggiano* (Oriente); **The Greencards** *Movin' On* (No label); **Buddy Miller** *Universal United House Of Prayer* (New West); **Gabriele Mirabassi & Luciano Biondini** *Fuori Le Murra* (EGEA); **Old Crow Medicine Show** *Old Crow Medicine Show* (EMI); **Zuf De Zur Partigiani!** (Finnisterre)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Cold Mountain Soundtrack* (Sony); **Various** *Italian Treasury Piemonte & Valle D'Aosta* (Rounder); **Various** *Por Vida A Tribute To The*

*Songs Of Alejandro Escovedo* (Cooking Vinyl)

**ROGER HOLDSWORTH:** Presenter of the 'Global Village', PBS-FM, Melbourne, Australia

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'o Munno* (Wrasse); **Ross Daly** *Microkosmos* (L'Empreinte Digital); **Kardes Türküler** *Vizontele* (Kalan); **Erik Marchand et Les Balkaniks** *Pruna* (Le Chant du Monde); **Ale Möller Band** *Bodjal* (Amigo); **Zulya & The Children Of The Underground** *The Waltz Of Emptiness* (Unstable Ape Records)

**Various** *Lullabies From The Axis Of Evil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **Various** *Mare Aperto* (Visage Music); **Various** *Rongo* (The Boite); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**OLE HOLMBERG:** Radio DJ on National Radio in Finland.  
**Armenian Navy Band** *Natural Seeds* (Heaven & Earth); **Mercan Dede** *Su* (Doublemoon); **Katalena** *Babjo Leto* (Dallas); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Think Of One** *Chuva Em Po* (Zonk/LCM); **Triakel** *Sänger Från 63 N* (Massproduktion)

**Various** *Blues Lounge* (Putumayo); **Various** *Essential Latin Flavas* (Outcaste); **Various** *The Music Of Corsica* (Arc); **Various** *Nu Tango The Style And Passion* (Manteca)

**CHRISTIAN HOPWOOD:** Assistant Content Producer, World Music, BBC Radio 3 Interactive

**Huun Huur Tu** *Altai Sayan Tandy Uula* (Greenwave); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World); **Truco & Zaperoko** *Musica Universal* (Rykodisc)

**Amparanoia** *Rebelodia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Chango Spasiuk** *The Charme Of The Chamamé* (Weltwunder); **Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Tarika** *10 Beasts, Ghosts And Dancing With History* (Artemis)

**KEITH HUDSON:** Editor, *Taplas*  
**Bachue** *Butterfly* (Big Bash); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas** *Fire & Grace* (Culburnie); **Alain Pennec Quartet** *Bacchanales* (Keltia Musique); **Chris Stout** *First o'The Darkenin'* (GreenTrax); **Kathryn Tickell** *Air Dancing* (Park)

**Paddy Keenan** *Paddy Keenan* (Gael Linn); **Skolvan** *Live In Italia* (Keltia Musique); **Various** *Scottish Women* (GreenTrax); **Various** *The Piper & The Maker* (GreenTrax)

**MARK HUDSON:** *Daily Telegraph* critic; Author

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Syllart); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Trio Mocoto** *Beleza, Beleza, Beleza* (Ziriguiboom); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro)

**Bembeya Jazz National** *The Sylphone Years* (Stern's); **Milton Nascimento** *Maria, Maria - Ultimo Trem* (Far Out); **Tunde Williams** *Lekan Animashaun* (Honest John's); **Various** *Trésors de la Musique Algérienne* (Harmonia Mundi)

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**Iva Bittová & The Skampa Quartet** *Leos Janáček Moravian Folk Poetry In Songs* (Supraphon); **Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Cass Meurig** *Crwth* (fflach); **Kala Ramnath** *Kala* (Sense World Music); **Eddi Reader** *Sings The Songs Of Robert Burns* (Rough Trade); **Trio Chemirani** *Tchehmeh* (Émouvance)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Fred Jordan** *A Shropshire Lad* (Veteran); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *Pour Down Like Silver* (Island); **The Wailers** *Burnin' deluxe edition* (Tuff Gong/Island)

**DAVID HUTCHEON:** Reviewer for *The Sunday Times*, *Mojo*, *Time Out*  
**Gipsy Kings** *Roots* (Sine); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Jacques Brel** *Integrale* (Barclay); **Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Jah Wobble** *I Coulda Been A Contender* (Sanctuary)

**COLIN IRWIN:** Journalist & author; long-haul fRoots contributor.

**Damian Dempsey** *Seize The Day* (Clear/IRL); **Last Night's Fun** *Tempered* (Rabble Rouser); **Loretta Lynn** *The Van Lear Rose* (Polydor); **Mary McPartlan** *The Holland Handkerchief* (MacP); **Old Swan Band** *Swan-Upmanship* (Wild Goose); **Planxty** *Live 2004* (Columbia)

**Peter Bellamy** *Fair Annie* (Fellside); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Sean O Riada & Ceoltoiri Cualann** *O Riada Sa Gaiety* (Gael Lynn); **Richard Thompson** *Henry The Human Fly* (Fledg'ling)

**ALAN JAMES:** DJ/ Head of Contemporary Music, ACE

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Homesongs** *Adem* (Domino); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon); **Kala Ramnath** *Kala* (Sense World Music); **Tin Hat Trio** *Book Of Silk* (Rykodisc)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Fela Kuti** *Sound & Vision* *Box Set* (Wrasse); **Augustus Pablo** *King Tubby Meets Rockers Uptown* (Sain)

**GINA JENNINGS:** fRoots Staff  
**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **The Big Session** *Volume 1* (Westpark); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **The Mekons** *Heaven & Hell* (Cooking Vinyl); **Oysterband** *Twenty Golden Tie-Slackeners Plus* (Running Man); **Tiger Moth** *Mothballs plus* (Weekend Beatnik)

**IAN KEAREY:** fRoots reviewer; musician

**Entrance** *Wandering Stranger* (Fat Possum); **Gary Lucas & Jozef van Wissem** *The Universe Of Absence* (Bvhaast); **Dave Peabody** *Side By Slide* (Appaloosa); **Tin Hat Trio** *Book Of Silk* (Rykodisc)

**John Fahey** *The Best Of John Fahey Vol 2* (Takoma); **Kinky Friedman** *Sold American* (Vanguard); **Various** *Lake Of The Moon* (Canton); **Various** *Rough Guide To Gypsy Swing* (World Music Network)

**ANDY KERSHAW:** BBC Radio 3  
**Harriet Bartlett** *Eyes Wide Open* (GreenTrax); **R L Burnside** *A Bothered Mind* (Fat Possum); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **Ernie Payne** *Coercion Street* (Black & Tan); **Tenores de Bitti** *Caminos De Pache* (Dunya Records); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Willie Hightower** *Willie Hightower* (Honest John's); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit)

**JON KERTZER:** Radio DJ; Producer

**Antibalas** *Who Is This America?* (Ropeadope); **Balou Canta et Luciana Rumbalolango** (Docura); **Ba Cissoko** *Sabolon* (Marabi); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Syllart); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Vakoka** *Introducing* (World Music Network); **Various** *Music Of Pernambuco* (Funcultura Pernambuco)

**DAVID KIDMAN:** fRoots reviewer

**Pete Coe** *In Paper Houses* (Backshift); **Tim Dennehy** *Between The Mountains And The Sea* (Sceilig); **Duncan McFarlane** *Band Woodshed Boys* (Dunx Music); **Tom Lewis** *360 Degrees*: (All Points Of The Compass) (Borealis); **Tom Pacheco** *Year Of The Big Wind* (Frog's Claw); **George Papavgeris** *Ordinary Heroes* (Irregular)

**Peter Bellamy** *Fair Annie* (Fellside); **Michael Chapman** *Dogs Got More Sense* (Secret); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Various** *The Transports* (Free Reed)

**MICHAEL KLEFF:** Managing Editor *Folker!* (Germany), Radio presenter

**Ani DiFranco** *Educated Guess* (Rightous Babe Music); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Steve Earle** *The Revolution Starts...Now* (Artemis); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Stephan Smith** *Slash And Burn* (Artemis); **Wenzel Ticky Tock** (Contraer)

**Walter Mossman** *Flugblattlieder Balladen Chansons Cantostorie Apokrüfen* (Trikont); **Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Various** *The Diaspora Of Rembetiko* (Network); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikont)

**WLODZIMIERZ KLESZCZ:** Radio DJ; Record producer of Polskie Radio, Kamahuk

**Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Huun Huur Tu** *Altai Sayan Tandy Uula* (Greenwave); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Little Axe** *Champagne & Grits* (Real World); **Huong Thanh** *Mangustao* (ACT); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Mississippi John Hurt** D.C. Blues (Fuel Records); **Jo Ann Kelly** *Blues & Gospel* (Blues Matters); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *The Diaspora Of Rembetiko* (Network)

**PETE LAWRENCE:** DJ, Founder of The Big Chill festival and club

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Dr John** *N'Awlinz Dis Dat Or D'Udda* (Parlophone); **The Memory Band** *The Memory Band* (Hungry Hill); **Kate Rusby** *Underneath The Stars* (Pure); **James Yorkston & The Athletes** *Just Beyond The River* (Domino)

**Shirley Collins & The Albion Country Band** *No Roses* (Sanctuary); **Fotheringay** *Fotheringay* (Fledg'ling); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* (Island/Universal); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *Pour Down Like Silver* (Island)

**JIM LEE:** Contributing Editor, *Dirty Linen* magazine, USA

**The Big Session** *Volume 1* (Westpark); **Bob Delyn a'r Ebillion** *Dore* (Sain); **Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Jeze Lowe & The Bad Pennies** *Doolally* (Tantobie); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon)

**Bob Delyn a'r Ebillion** *Sgwarnogod bach Bob* (Sain); **Laura Cantrell** *The Hello Recordings* (Diesel Only); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Oysterband** *Twenty Golden Tie-Slackeners Plus* (Running Man)

**KATHARINA LOBECK:** *fRoots* contributor, researcher, journalist

**Bantu Bantu** (NittyGritty); **Ba Cissoko** *Sabolon* (Marabi); **Eastenders** *Along The Path* (Poets Club Records); **Keziah Jones** *Black Orpheus* (Universal France); **Seu Jorge** *Cru* (Naïve); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen)

**LARA LOPEZ:** Spanish Radio DJ

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'o Munno* (Wrasse); **Miguel Gil** *Orgánico Galileo* (MC); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Sylla); **Aurelio Martínez** *Garífuna Soul* (Stonetree); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch)

**Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Oumou Sangaré** *Oumou Sangaré* (World Circuit); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**JOSE MIGUEL LOPEZ:** Presenter *Discopolis*, Radio 3, Radio Nacional de España

**Richard Bona** *Munia* (); **Mercan Dede** *Su* (Doublemoon);

**Miguel Gil** *Kata* (Galileo); **Oskorri** *Desertori* (Elkari); **Sainkho** *Who Stole The Sky* (); **Huong Thanh** *Mangustao* (ACT)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Hot Women* (Kein & Aber); **Various** *Rough Guide To Italia Nova* (World Music Network); **Various** *Rough Guide To Rembetika* (World Music Network)

**JON LUSK:** *fRoots* contributor, journalist

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Mary McPartlan** *The Holland Handkerchief* (MacP); **Otto Sem Gravidade** (); **Simentera** *Tráditional* (); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Bembeya Jazz National** *The Syliphone Years* (Stern's); **Joni Mitchell** *Dreamland* (); **Various** *Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56* (V2 Music); **Various** *The Silk Road* (Smithsonian Folkways)

**GERRY LYSEIGHT:** PR; DJ; Broadcaster; Compiler

**BiD** *Bambas And Biritas* (Ether); **Bjork** *Medulla* (One Little Indian); **Jimmy Bosch** *El Avion De La Salsa* (JRGR Records); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Spanish Harlem Orchestra** *Across 110th St* (Rykodisc)

**Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Various** *Studio One Classics* (Soul Jazz)

**TON MAAS:** Music writer and broadcaster, Netherlands.

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Ismaïl H Demircioglu** *Nasibolsa* (Kalan); **Martin Lubenov Orkestar** *Dui Droma* (Connecting Cultures); **Tin Hat Trio** *Book Of Silk* (Rykodisc); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Various** *The Diaspora Of Rembetiko* (Network); **Various** *Lullabies From The Axis Of Evil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **The Waterstones** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic)

**YUSUF MAHMOUD:** DJ/Festival promoter, Zanzibar

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lagrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Ferooz Safari** (GMC); **Jaobjob** *Malagasy* (Discorama); **Gidigidi Majimaji** *Many Faces* (Gallo); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Sylla); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch)

**Franco** *Cooperation*: (Very Best Of, Vol 2) (Ngoyarto); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Various** *Bongo Flava* (Swahili Rap From Tanzania) (Out Here); **Various** *Zanzibar* (Jahazi)

**BEN MANDELSON:** Record producer; Bloke of Bragg & Fiend of Mustapha; GlobeStyle Records person

**Ale Moller Band:** *Bodjal* (Amigo); **Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Nunung Nurmalasari** *Bajidor* *Sohor* (M Oel Records); **Isaiah Owens** *You Without Sin Cast The First Stone* (Case Quarter); **Siba Fuloresta** *do Samba* (Terreiro Discos)

**Cuarteto Troilo-Grela** *Pa'que Bailen Los Muchachos 1962* (RCA-

BMG Argentina); **Carlos 'Patato' Vades & Eugenio 'Totico' Arayo** *Patato y Totico* (Verge); **Various** *Suburban Bucharest* (Trikont)

**SUSAN MARTINEZ:** Frequent contributor to *Rock & Pop Confidential*, *CounterPunch*. USA

**Sekou Bembeya Diabate** *Guitar Fô* (Discorama); **Eliza Gilkyson** *Land Of Milk And Honey* (Red House); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Rene Lacaille** *Mapou* (Riverboat Records); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World)

**Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Candi Staton** *Candi Staton* (Capitol); **Carlos 'Patato' Vades & Eugenio 'Totico' Arayo** *Patato y Totico* (Verge); **Robert Pete Williams** *Poor Bob's Blues* (Arhoolie)

**ANDREW MCGREGOR:** Broadcaster; BBC Radio 3, World Service and BBC Five Live

**Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Rene Lacaille** *Mapou* (Riverboat Records); **Yasmin Levy** *La Juderia* (Adama); **Youssef N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Favela Chic** *Postonove 3* (Milan Music/WEA); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *The Rough Guide To Fado* (World Music Network)

**PHIL MEADLEY:** Freelance writer, DJ

**Aiwa Aiwa** (Wikkid); **Eastenders** *Along The Path* (Poets Club Records); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Manuel Guajiro Mirabal** *BVSC Presents* (World Circuit); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Transglobal Underground** *Impossible Broadcasting* (Mule Satellite Records)

**AINARS MIELAVS:** Presenter for WMCE (Magellan FM), songwriter, Director of Upe Records Ltd, Latvia.

**David Darling & The Wulu Bunun** *Mudanin Kata* (); **Dobet Gnahore** *Ano Neko* (Contre Jour); **Oskorri** *Desertori* (Elkari); **Stimhorn & Kold Electronics** *Igloo* (Recrec); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Volga** *Three Fields* (Sketis Music)

**Various** *All Children In School* (Forest Hill); **Various** *Rezon@nances* (Zone Franche); **Various** *Tango Nuevo* (World Music Network); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**DREW MILLER:** Bassist; Omnium Recordings, USA.

**Antibalas** *Who Is This America?* (Ropeadope); **Tim Eriksen** *Every Sound Below* (Appleseed); **Loretta Lynn** *The Van Lear Rose* (Polydor); **Ivo Papisov** *Fairground* (Kuker); **Warblefly** *Crashing Through The Trees* (own label)

**Shirley Collins & The Albion Country Band** *No Roses* (Sanctuary); **The Mekons** *Fear And Whiskey* (Sin); **Oysterband** *Twenty Golden Tie-Slackeners Plus* (Running Man); **Richard & Linda Thompson** *I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* (Island/Universal)

**SANDY MIRANDA:** Producer/host *Music Of The World Specials* KPFA FM, San Francisco

**Darlene Ahuna** *Bridge Between Generations* (HanaOla); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Fairport Convention** *Over The Next Hill* (Compass); **Stephen Kent** *Oil & Water* (Family Tree); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Carter Family** *The Unbroken Circle* (Dualtone); **Various** *Mediterranean Café Music* (World Music Network); **Various** *Rough Guide To Rembetika* (World Music Network); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**SOFI MOGENSEN:** *fRoots* Staff  
**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Dvergmål** *Song i Himmelsalar* (Heilo); **Bára Grimsdóttir** *Funi* (Green Man Productions); **Haugard & Høirip** *Om Sommeren* (Go! Danish Folk); **Triakel** *Sänger Från 63° N* (Massproduktion); **Okna Tsahan** *Zam A Journey In The Steppe* *Shaman Voices* (Buda)

**Faustino Santalices** *Grabaciones Históricas de Zanfona 1927-1949* (Boa); **Various** *Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56* (V2 Music); **The Waterstones** *Mighty River Of Song* (Topic)

**TONY MONTAGUE:** Vancouver-based world music journalist and reviewer

**Dave Alvin** *Ashgrove* (Yeproc); **Paco De Lucia** *Cositas Buenas* (Universal); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Lo'Jo** *Ce Soir Là* (IRL/Emma Productions); **Mozaik** *Live From The Powerhouse* (Compass); **Monica Salmaso** *Iaiá* (World Village)

**Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Various** *Mediterranean Café Music* (World Music Network); **Various** *Rough Guide To Rembetika* (World Music Network); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**ANDY MORGAN:** Freelance writer and Tinariwen co-manager

**Compagnies Musicales du Tafilalet** *The Call Of The Oases* (IMA); **Damian Dempsey** *Seize The Day* (Clear/IRL); **Ozomatli** *Street Signs* (Real World); **Ska Cubano** *Ska Cubano* (Casino Sounds); **Laye Sow** *Djamon* (Orange World); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Various** *Trésors de la Musique Algérienne* (Harmonia Mundi)

**JULIE MURPHY:** Musician  
**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Marcel Guilloux** *Un Devezh 'ba Kerc'h Morvan* (Coop Breizh); **Sild** *Pridi* (Fflach Tradd); **Mary Smith** *Sgiath Airgid* (Macmeanma); **Tom Waits** *Real Gone* (Anti)

**Terry Allen** *Juarez* (Sugar Hill); **Fotheringay** *Fotheringay* (Fledg'ling); **Gil Scott Heron** *A New Black Poet Small Talk At 125th And Lennox* (RCA Victor Gold); **Furry Lewis** *Good Morning Judge* (Fat Possum)



**NAZIM NADIROV:** Promoter; Radio presenter; DJ; Journalist; Manas Records, Russia.

**Mercan Dede Su** (Doublemoon); **Samir Joubran Tamaas** (Daqui); **Lhasa The Living Road** (Warner); **Chango Spasiuk The Charme Of The Chamamé** (Weltwunder)

**Manos Hadjidakis & K Beta Transformations** (Sirius); **Sexteto Mayor Portrait** (Network); **Various Hot Women** (Kein & Aber)

**CHRIS NICKSON:** Freelance writer and broadcaster; author *The NPR Listener's Guide to World Music*

**Ba Cissoko Sabolon** (Marabi); **Haugaard & Hørip Om Sommeren** (Go! Danish Folk); **Karen & Helene Solen** (Go! Danish Folk); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch)

**Fairport Convention Cropredy Capers** (Free Reed); **Tangle Eye Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed** (Zoe-Rounder); **Various Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56** (V2 Music); **Various The Transports** (Free Reed)

**JOHN O'REGAN:** Freelance journalist & reviewer; CD note and album compiler.

**Beoga A Lovely Madness** (Beoga Music); **Fairport Convention Over The Next Hill** (Compass); **Planxty Live 2004** (Columbia); **Shirae Tiger's Island** (own label); **Gary Waishe Uncovered** (Ossian)

**Sandy Denny A Boxful Of Treasures** (Fledg'ling); **Fairport Convention Cropredy Capers** (Free Reed); **Christy Moore Whatever Tickles Your Fancy** (Raven); **Joe O'Donnell Gaodhol's Vision** (CAPO/BMG)

**JAMES PARKIN:** Producer; BBC Radio 3

**Ilham Al-Madfa'i Ilham Al-Madfa'i** (EMI); **Yasmin Levy La Juderia** (Adama); **Mandekalou Mandekalou** (Syllart); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Kala Ramnath & Purbayan Chatterjee Samwad** (Sense World Music); **Rachid Taha Tékitoi** (Wrasse)

**The Clash London Calling 25th Anniversary** (Epic); **Ali Farka Toure Red & Green** (World Circuit); **Various The Rough Guide To The Music Of Ethiopia** (World Music Network)

**KATERINA PAVLAKIS:** Manager; tour producer

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari Salvamm'o Munno** (Wrasse); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Mahala Rai Banda Mahala Rai Banda** (Crammed); **Shiyani Ngcobo Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo** (World Music Network); **Think Of One Chuva Em Po** (Zonk/LCM); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch)

**Various The Diaspora Of Rembetiko** (Network); **Various Electric Gypsyland** (Crammed Discs); **Various World 2004** (Wrasse)

**J POET:** USA Freelance writer.

**Black Keys Rubber Factory** (Fat Possum); **Kimya Dawson Hidden Vagenda** (K Records); **Lhasa The Living Road** (Warner); **Mosquitos Sunshine Barato** (Bar

None); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Ozomatli Street Signs** (Real World)

**Blind Willie McTell The Best Of** (Yazoo); **Various Can't You Hear Me Callin' Bluegrass-80 Years Of American Music** (Columbia Legacy)

**RENZO POGNANT:** Felmay Records, Italy

**Tsehaytu Beraki Selam** (Terp); **Lhasa The Living Road** (Warner); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch)

**JOHN POTTER:** Music writer based in Japan

**Brass Monkey Flame of Fire** (Topic); **Chumbawamba Un (Mutt)**; **Sugura Ikeda Yaima-uta** (Tune); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Seijin Noborikawa & Sadao China Seijin Noborikawa & Sadao China** (Respect); **Planxty Live 2004** (Columbia).

**Nenes Golden Best** (Sony); **Various Best Of Marutaka** (M&I); **Various The Transports** (Free Reed); **The Watsonsons Mighty River Of Song** (Topic).

**COLIN RANDALL:** Daily Telegraph folk critic

**Martin Carthy Waiting For Angels** (Topic); **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas Fire & Grace** (Culburnie); **Jez Lowe & The Bad Pennies Doolally** (Tantobie); **Leon Rosselson Turning Silence Into Song** (Fuse); **Steeleye Span They Called It Babylon** (Park); **Allan Taylor Hotels And Dreamers** (Stockfish)

**Sandy Denny A Boxful Of Treasures** (Fledg'ling); **Christy Moore The Box Set 1964-2004** (Columbia); **Various The Transports** (Free Reed); **The Watsonsons Mighty River Of Song** (Topic)

**RITA RAY:** Club and Radio DJ; Programmer; Busybody

**Ba Cissoko Sabolon** (Marabi); **Konono No. 1 Congotronics** (Crammed Discs); **Mighty Zulu Nation & Aki Nawaz Mighty Zulu Nation & Aki Nawaz** (Nation Records); **Yousou N'Dour Sant** (Jololi); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Amparanoia Rebellia con Alegria** (EMI Spain); **Fela Kuti Music Is The Weapon** (Geffen); **Various Afrobeat Sessions** (Union Square); **Various More Great Moments Of Vinyl History** (Wrasse)

**SALLY REEVES:** Music publicist

**Lhasa The Living Road** (Warner); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Ali Farka Toure Red & Green** (World Circuit)

**MAX REINHARDT:** DJ/Broadcaster; Writer  
**Konono No. 1 Congotronics** (Crammed Discs); **Mandekalou Mandekalou** (Syllart); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Ozomatli Street Signs** (Real World); **Rachid Taha Tékitoi** (Wrasse); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Johnny Cash Folsom Prison Blues The Original Sun Hits** (Sun); **Fela Kuti The Underground Spiritual Game** (Quannum); **Gilles**

**Peterson Gilles Peterson In Brazil** (); **Various Mzansi Music – Young Urban South Africa** (Trikont)

**JAMIE RENTON:** fRoots Contributor

**Eastenders Along The Path** (Poets Club Records); **Mory Kante Sabou** (Riverboat); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Ozomatli Street Signs** (Real World); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward); **Think Of One Chuva Em Po** (Zonk/LCM)

**Amparanoia Rebellia con Alegria** (EMI Spain); **Thierry Robin Alezane** (Naïve); **Various Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56** (V2 Music); **Papa Wemba Mwana Molokai – The First 20 Years** (1977-1997) (Stern's Africa)

**CHRISTINA RODEN:** NYC-based journalist & music producer.

**Choying Drolma & Steve Tibbetts Selwa** (Six Degrees); **Mory Kante Sabou** (Riverboat); **Shiyani Ngcobo Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo** (World Music Network); **Sharon Shannon Liibertango** (Compass); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Serge Gainsbourg Aux Armes Et Caetera** (Sunnyside); **Tarika 10 Beasts, Ghosts And Dancing With History** (Artemis); **Various Is It Rolling Bob? A Reggae Tribute to Bob Dylan** (Sanctuary); **Various Rough Guide To Italia Nova** (World Music Network)

**DEREK SCHOFIELD:** fRoots reviewer and Sidmouth historian

**Brass Monkey Flame Of Fire** (Topic); **Pete Coe In Paper Houses** (Backshift); **Mary McPartlan The Holland Handkerchief** (MacP); **Will Noble & John Cocking Yon Green Banks** (Veteran); **Old Swan Band Swan-Upmanship** (Wild Goose); **Waterson Carthy Fishes & Fine Yellow Sand** (Topic)

**Oak Country Songs And Music** (Musical Traditions); **Various The Birds Upon The Tree** (Musical Tradition); **Various The Transports** (Free Reed); **The Watsonsons Mighty River Of Song** (Topic)

**IAIN SCOTT:** Triple Earth Records & Union Square Music

**Tété Alinho Voz** (World Connection); **Aster Awake Aster's Ballads** (Kabu Records); **Markus James Timbukoubab** (OST) (Firenze Records); **Huong Thanh Mangustao** (ACT); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Tangle Eye Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed** (Zoe-Rounder)

**BERTHOLD SELIGER:** Booking agent, Germany.

**La Chicara Tango Agazapado** (Caliko MC); **Culture Music Club Wariidi Parfums De Zanzibar** (Jahazi); **Ross Daly Microkosmos** (L'Empreinte Digital); **Cicala Mvta Ghostcircui** (Tractor); **Markku Peltola Buster Keaton In Ratsutilalla** (Ektrorecords/Klangbad); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Various The Diaspora Of Rembetiko** (Network); **Various Sounds From The Burning Spear** (Soul Jazz); **Various Sounds From The Burning Spear** (Soul Jazz); **Various Goodbye Babylon** (Dust-To-Digital)

**VERITY SHARP:** Presenter BBC Radio 3

**English Acoustic Collective Ghosts** (RUF Records); **Faiz Ali Faiz Your Love Makes Me Dance** (Accords Croises); **Gipsy Kings Roots** (Sine); **Kayhan Kalhor & Ali Akbar Moradi In The Mirror Of The Sky** (World Village); **Lhasa The Living Road** (Warner); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Tlahoun Gèssèssè Ethiopiques** (Buda); **Ali Farka Toure Red & Green** (World Circuit); **Various The Diaspora Of Rembetiko** (Network); **Various Suburban Bucharest** (Trikont)

**PAUL SHERRATT:** Internet Radio DJ

**Martin Carthy Waiting For Angels** (Topic); **Joanna Newsom The Milk-Eyed Mender** (own label); **Terry Earl Taylor Another Time** (Dark Holler); **Laura Veirs Carbon Glacier** (Bella Union); **Jim White Drill A Hole In That Substrate** (LuaKa Bop)

**Fela Kuti The Underground Spiritual Game** (Wrasse); **Montana Slim I'm Hittin' The Trail** (Living Era); **Various Old Mountain, Stringband Songs and Tunes** (Living Era); **Various The Rough Guide To The Music Of Kenya** (World Music Network)

**ROGER SHORT:** Producer, BBC Radio 3

**Kaushiki Chakrabarty Pure** (Sense); **Faiz Ali Faiz Your Love Makes Me Dance** (Accords Croises); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Mandekalou Mandekalou** (Syllart); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Ali Farka Toure Red & Green** (World Circuit)

**HARRIET SIMMS:** Glass Ceiling PR

**Martin Carthy Waiting For Angels** (Topic); **Dhol Foundation Big Drum, Small World** (Shakti); **Yousou N'Dour Egypt** (Nonesuch); **Spanish Harlem Orchestra Across 110th St** (Rykodisc); **Tinariwen Amassakoul** (IRL/Wayward)

**Bembeya Jazz National The Sylphone Years** (Stern's); **Ali Farka Toure Red & Green** (World Circuit); **Various Lif Up Yuh Leg An Trample** (Honest Jon's)

**KEN SMITH:** Red Lick Records

**Dave Alvin Ashgrove** (Yeproc); **Charles Caldwell Remember Me** (Fat Possum); **Nathaniel Mayer I Just Want To Be Held** (Fat Possum); **Natalie Merchant House Carpenter's Daughter** (Myth America); **James & Lucky Peterson If You Can't Fix It** (JSP)

**Blind Boy Fuller Blind Boy Fuller 1935-1938** (JSP); **Byther Smith Hold That Train** (Delmark); **Hound Dog Taylor Release The Hound** (Alligator); **Robert Pete Williams Poor Bob's Blues** (Arhoolie)

**VIC SMITH:** fRoots reviewer; Radio DJ; Musician; Club organiser

**Les Chauffeurs A Pieds Déjeuner Canadien** (Scorbut); **Jolie Vilaine Jardin D'Amour** (Galad); **Mandekalou Mandekalou** (Syllart); **Pete Morton Swarthmore** (Harbourtown); **Old Swan Band Swan-Upmanship** (Wild Goose); **Elizabeth Stewart Binnorrie** (Elphinstone Institute)

**La Bolduc** *Chansons Comique* (Fremaux); **Fred Jordan** *A Shropshire Lad* (Veteran); **Leon Rosselson** *Turning Silence Into Song* (Fuse); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit)

**CC SMITH:** Editor/Publisher, *Beat Magazine*, Los Angeles

**Izaline Calister** *Krioyo* (Network); **Aurelio Martínez** *Garifuna Soul* (Stonetree); **Youssou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Abdul Tee-Jay** *Palm Wine A Go Go* (Far Side); **Toots & The Maytals** *True Love* (V2)

**Simaro Massiya Lutumba** *Faute Ya Commercant* (Ngoyarto); **Benny More** *El Legendario Idolito del Pueblo Cubano* (Tumbao Cuban); **Tiers Monde** *Cooperation Bowayo & Omesongo* (Ngoyarto); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs)

**NEIL SPENCER:** Observer critic

**J J Cale** *To Tulsa And Black* (Capitol); **Jolie Holland** *Escondida* (Anti); **Ojos De Brujo** *Bari* (Proper); **Daby Toure** *Diam* (Realworld)

**Various** *Dread Broadcasting Radio* (Trojan); **Various** *Rock The Kasbah* (EMI); **Various** *Tango Club* (Stimulus); **Various** *The Very Best Of Latin Jazz* (Nascente)

**PHIL STANTON:** Co-founder & Managing Director of World Music Network

**Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Bebo & Cigala** *Lgrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Mbililia Bell** *Belissimo* (Sterns); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Bembeya Jazz National** *The Sylphone Years* (Stern's); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Thomas Mapfumo** *Chice Chimurenga* (Sheer Sound); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit)

**RICK STEIGER:** Musician, www.africassette.com USA

**Keletigui Diabate** *Sandiyia* (Contrejour); **Nahawa Dombia** *Diby* (Cobalt); **Gangbe Brass Band** *Whendo* (Contre Jour); **Jaobjob** *Malagasy* (Discorama); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat)

**Joe Liggins** *1948-1950* (Classics); **Joe Lutcher** *1947* (Classics); **Lobi Traore** *Mali Blue* (Worl Village); **Various** *The Rough Guide To The Music Of Kenya* (World Music Network)

**SUE STEWARD:** Author, reviewer, record compiler.

**Bebo & Cigala** *Lgrimas Negras* (Calle 54); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **Ibrahim Ferrer** *Buenos Hermanos* (World Circuit); **Polo Montanez** *Memoria* (Lusafrica); **Yousou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha)

**Various** *The Beginners Guide To Tango Genesis, Evolution, Contemporary* (Nascente); **Various** *Quisqueya en El Hudson* *Dominican Music In New York* (Smithsonian Folkways)

**MICHAEL STONE:** fRoots reviewer; contributing editor, *RootsWorld*

**Gabriele Coen & Atlante Sonoro** *Duende* (Compagnia Nuove Indie); **Lila Downs** *Una Sangre* (Narada); **María Márquez** *Princesa de la Naturaleza* (Adventure Music); **O-Maya** *O-Maya* (Own label); **Omar Sosa** *Mulatos* (Otá-Melodia); **Leroy Young** *Just Like That* (Stonetree)

**Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **El Trio Matamoros** *En San Juan* (Hot Records); **Various** *Louisiana Catch That Train Deep River Of Song* (Rounder); **Various** *Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56* (V2 Music)

**ROD STRADLING:** fRoots and MT reviewer, singer, musician; Musical Traditions records

**Brendan Bulger, Marty Fahy & Kathleen Gavin** *Music At The House* (MusicattheHouse Records); **David Faulkner and Steve Turner** *English And Border Music For Pipes* (Sargasso Sounds); **Franco Melis** *Launeddos* (Iscandula); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Elizabeth Stewart** *Binnorrie* (Elphinstone Institute); **Tenores de Bitti** *Caminos De Pache* (Dunya Records)

**Abayudaya** *Music From The Jewish People Of Uganda* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Paddy Keenan** *Paddy Keenan* (Gael Linn); **Patrick Kelly** *Patrick Kelly From Cree Fiddle Music* (The Family of Patrick Kelly)

**DAVID SUFF:** Fledg'ling Records historian

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Mary McPartlan** *The Holland Handkerchief* (MacP); **Madeleine Peyroux** *Careless Love* (Rounder); **Planxty** *Live 2004* (Columbia); **Waterson** *Carthy Fishes & Fine Yellow Sand* (Topic)

**Shirley Collins & The Albion Country Band** *No Roses* (Sanctuary); **Pentangle** *Reflection* (Sanctuary); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Doc Watson** *Memories* (Gotttdiscs)

**ALESSIO SURIAN:** Music journalist, Italy

**Keyvan Chemirani** *The Rhythms Of Speech* (); **Roberto De Simone & Media Aetas** *Li Turchi Viaggiano* (Oriente); **Kora Jazz Trio** *Kora Jazz Trio* (Mélodie); **Ray Lema** *One Drop* (Nocturne); **Darko Rundek & Cargo Orkestar** *Ruke* (Piranha); **Tenores de Bitti** *Caminos De Pache* (Dunya Records)

**C. Buarque** *Favourites 60 Years On* (Wrasse); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Giovanna Marini** *Il Salento di Giovanna Marini* (Aramiré); **Various** *Roots Music Atlas Italia 3* (Felmaj)

**BOB TARTE:** Columnist, *The Beat* magazine

**Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Sekou Diabate** *Guitar Fö* (); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **Triakel** *Sänger Från 63° N* (Massproduktion); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro); **Wimme Saari** *Instinct* (NorthSide)

**Manu Dibango** *The Rough Guide To Manu Dibango* (World

Music Network); **Various** *Afro Baby* (Sound Way); **Various** *Singing In The Streets* *Scottish Children's Songs* (Rounder); **Various** *This Is Reggae Music The Golden Era 1960-1975* (Trojan/Sanctuary)

**IAN TELFER:** Musician (etc)

**Martin Carthy** *Waiting For Angels* (Topic); **Pete Cooper** *London Sessions* (Big Chain); **Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Old Swan Band** *Swan-Upmanship* (Wild Goose); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro)

**The Mekons** *Heaven & Hell* (Cooking Vinyl); **Joni Mitchell** *Dreamland* (); **Tangle Eye** *Alan Lomax's Southern Journey Remixed* (Zoe-Rounder); **Various** *Cold Mountain Soundtrack* (Sony)

**ESTHER TEWKESBURY:** Proper Music Distribution

**Nahawa Dombia** *Diby* (Cobalt); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Yousou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **The Big Session** *Volume 1* (Westpark); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward); **Warsaw Village Band** *Uprooting* (Jaro)

**The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Various** *Lullabies From The Axis Of Evil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted)

**JOHANNES THEURER:** Radio Presenter, Germany

**Belgian Afro Beat**

**Association** *The King Is Among Us* (Wam); **David Darling & The Wulu Bunun** *Mudanin Kata* (); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Toots & The Maytals** *True Love* (V2); **Toto Bono Lokua** *Toto Bono Lokua* (Universal)

**Various** *Drop The Debt* (Say It Loud); **Various** *Electric Gypsyland* (Crammed Discs); **Various** *Rough Guide To Italia Nova* (World Music Network); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**IAN THOMAS:** Stern's distribution

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'o Munno* (Wrasse); **Ricardo Lemvo** *Ay Valeria* (Mopiato); **Ska Cubano** *Ska Cubano* (Casino Sounds); **Laye Sow** *Djamonio* (Orange World); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Café Africa* (Metro); **Tunde Willams** *Lekan Animashaun* (Honest John's)

**JEAN TROUILLET:** Journalist; Radio DJ; WeltBeat, Essay Recordings

**Antibalas** *Who Is This America?* (Ropeadope); **Ross Daly** *Microkosmos* (L'Empreinte Digital); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Mahala Rai Banda** *Mahala Rai Banda* (Crammed); **Mandekalou** *Mandekalou* (Syllart)

**Bembeya Jazz National** *The Sylphone Years* (Stern's); **Fela Kuti** *Music Is The Weapon* (Geffen); **Various** *Mento Madness Motta's Jamaican Mento, 1951-56* (V2 Music); **Various** *Sounds From The Burning Spear* (Soul Jazz)

**AHMET ULUG:** Pozitif Productions, Turkey

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'o Munno* (Wrasse); **BiD** *Bambas And Biritas* (Ether); **Mercan Dede** *Su* (Doublemoon); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Yousou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Omara Portuondo** *Flor De Amor* (World Circuit)

**ROBERT URBANUS:** 'Mr Stern's'  
**Ba Cissoko** *Sabolon* (Marabi); **Sekou Bembeya Diabate** *Guitar Fö* (Discorama); **Instituto** *National Collective* (Beleza); **Darko Rundek & Cargo Orkestar** *Ruke* (Piranha); **Siba** *Fuloresta do Samba* (Terreiro Discos); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha)

**Tlahoun Gèssèssè** *Ethiopiennes* (Buda); **Tunde Willams** *Lekan Animashaun* (Honest John's); **Various** *Lullabies From The Axis Of Evil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **Various** *Musique Populaire Africaine 1926-1952* (Buda)

**GUILLAUME VEILLET:** Radio DJ; fRoots and *Trad Magazine* (France) contributor

**Erik Marchand et Les Balkaniks** *Pruna* (Le Chant du Monde); **Hamon Martin** *Quintet L'Habit de Plumes* (Coop Breizh); **Shiyani Ngcobo** *Introducing Shiyani Ngcobo* (World Music Network); **La Talvera** *Poble Mon Poble* (Cordae La Talvera); **Les Ogres De Barback** *Terrain Vague* (Irfan); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Bodega, Bodegaires** *Anthologie de la Cornemuse du Haut Languedoc* (CLRMDT/Cordae La Talvera/Conservatoire Occitan); **Musiciens du Nord Benin** *Musiciens du Nord Benin* (Prophet/Universal); **Various** *The Rough Guide To The Music Of Ethiopia* (World Music Network); **Various** *Swing Manouche 1933-2003* (La Lichère/Frémaux & Associés)

**PAUL VERNON:** Researcher; Reviewer; Author; *Bon Vivour*

**Nathaniel Mayer** *I Just Want To Be Held* (Fat Possum)

**George Formby** *Box Set* (JSP); **Charley Patton** *Box set* (Indigo); **Hound Dog Taylor** *Release The Hound* (Alligator); **Various** *Downhome Blues Box Set* (Bluebird Vintage)

**FRANK VICKERS:** Cube Roots Music Distribution

**Bazar Blå** *Nysch* (Xource); **Ian Carr & Niklas Roswall** *Step On It!* (Drone); **English Acoustic Collective** *Ghosts* (RUF Records); **Maria Kalaniemi Trio** *Tokyo Concert* (Amigo); **Karen & Helene Solen** (Go! Danish Folk); **Oskorri** *Desertori* (Elkari)

**La Ciapa Rusa** *Diario Di Bordo* (Folk Club Ethnosuoni); **Thierry Robin** *Alezane* (Naive); **Various** *File Under Folk Music Sweden* (Amigo); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**GEOFF WALLIS:** fRoots reviewer and failed gigolo

**Angelina Carberry & Martin Quinn** *Angelina Carberry & Martin Quinn* (own label); **Tim Dennehy** *Between The*



*Mountains And The Sea* (Sceilig); **Mary McPartlan** *The Holland Handkerchief* (MacP); **Ciarán O Maonaigh** *Ceol a Ghleanna* (Claddagh-Phaeton); **Helen Roche** *Shake The Blossom Early* (own label); **Ian Smith** *Keadue Bar* (own label)

**Seamus Tansey** *King Of The Concert Flute* (Sound Records); **Various** *Hidden Fermanagh 2* (own label); **Various** *Live Recordings From The William Kennedy Piping Festival* (Armagh Pipers Club); **Various** *Seolta Seidte* (Gael Linn)

**BOB WALTON:** *fRoots* reviewer, singer.

**Andrew Cronshaw** *Ochre* (Cloud Valley); **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas** *Fire & Grace* (Culburnie); **The Finlay McDonald Band** *Pressed For Time* (Foot Stompin'); **Hilary James & Simon Mayor** *Laughin With The Moon* (Acoustics); **Keep It Up On Safari (Foot Stompin'); **Karine Polwart** *Faultlines* (Neon)**

**Various** *Best In Show* (Miraculous Productions); **Various** *Folk Festival* (Sidmouth) (Gottdiscs); **Various** *Scottish Women* (GreenTrax); **Various** *Telyn y Celt* (Sain)

**TESSA WATT:** BBC Radio 3 Interactive – Senior Producer

**Khaled Ya-Rayi** (Wrasse); **Lhasa** *The Living Road* (Warner); **Yousou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch); **Ska Cubano** *Ska Cubano* (Casino Sounds); **Chango Spasiuk** *Tarefero De Mis Pagos* (Piranha); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Franco** *Cooperation: (Very Best Of, Vol 2)* (Ngoyarto); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Afrobeat Sessions* (Union Square)

**ZJAKKI WILLEMS:** Radio producer; Programme Maker; Editor, Belgium

**DAAU** (Die Anarchistische Abendunterhaltung) *Tub Gurnard Goodness* (Radical Duke Entertainment); **Nahawa** *Doumbia Diby* (Cobalt); **Snowboy & The Latin Section** *New Beginnings* (Chillifunk); **Think Of One** *Chuva Em Po* (Zonk/LCM); **Troisoeur** *Troisoeur* (Zoku)

**Instituto** *National Collective* (Beleza); **Various** *Afro Baby* (Sound Way)

**CHRIS WILLIAMS:** *fRoots* reviewer and musician

**Aynur Keçe Kurdan** (Kalan); **Cascade** *Old Street* (Bandaz); **George Dalaras** *Tribute To Vamvakaris* (Tropical Music); **Ross Daly** *Microkosmos* (L'Empreinte Digital); **Ihsan Ozgen** *Cantemir* (Golden Horn); **Necdet Yasar** 2 (Kalan)

**Feyzullah Çinar** *Fazilet* (Kalan); **Koumpania Xalkias** *Traditional Music Of Epirus* (Inedit); **Various** *Ney* (Kalan); **Various** *Traditional Music Of Hekariye* (Kalan)

**NIGEL WILLIAMSON:** Author & journalist

**Enzo Avitabile & Bottari** *Salvamm'ò Munno* (Wrasse); **Issa Bagayogo** *Tassoumakan* (Wrasse); **Bjork** *Medulla* (One Little Indian);

**Bebel Gilberto** *Bebel Gilberto* (Nonesuch); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Yousou N'Dour** *Egypt* (Nonesuch)

**Sandy Denny** *A Boxful Of Treasures* (Fledg'ling); **Bob Dylan** *Live 1964 Concert At Philharmonic Hall* (Columbia/Legacy); **Brenda Fassie** *Greatest Hits* (EMI); **Paul Siebel** *Woodsmoke & Oranges & Jack-Knife Gipsy* (Elektra)

**ANDY WOOD:** Showman, Como No

**Asere** *Destinos* (Astar); **Bajofondo Tango Club** *Bajofondo Tango Club* (Surco/Universal); **Juana Molina** *Segundo* (); **Pink Martini** *Hang On Little Tomato* (Naive); **Spanish Harlem Orchestra** *Across 110th St* (Rykodisc)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **The Clash** *London Calling 25th Anniversary* (Epic); **Ali Farka Toure** *Red & Green* (World Circuit); **Various** *Essential Latin Flavas* (Outcaste)

**HAMID ZAGZOLE:** DJ

**Mbililia Bell** *Belissimo* (Sterns); **Gipsy Kings** *Roots* (Sine); **Mory Kante** *Sabou* (Riverboat); **Yousou N'Dour** *Sant* (Jololi); **Omara Portuondo** *Flor De Amor* (World Circuit); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse)

**Amparanoia** *Rebeldia con Alegria* (EMI Spain); **Various** *Dave Goding's Deep Soul Treasures* (Kent/Ace); **Various** *Nu Brazil 2* (Manteca); **Various** *World 2004* (Wrasse)

**LEAH ZAKSS:** British Council

**Aiwa Aiwa** (Wikkid); **Kayhan Kalhor & Ali Akbar Moradi** *In The Mirror Of The Sky* (World Village); **Joanna Newsom** *The Milk-Eyed Mender* (own label); **Rachid Taha** *Tékitoi* (Wrasse); **Kathryn Tickell Band** *Air Dancing* (Park); **Tinariwen** *Amassakoul* (IRL/Wayward)

**The Mekons** *The Very Best Of The Mekons* (Cooking Vinyl); **Various** *10 Corso Como* (Irma Records)