

Albums 2010

As usual we asked our international panel to nominate 6 new albums, 4 re-issues/ compilations and 2 best packaged each, and gave every nomination a point. The main provisos were that albums should have been first released since November 2008 (though we do allow a bit of slack for things which are slow permeating through) and that they fall into the areas of music that we cover in *fRoots* – music from anywhere with roots in a tradition.

On the odd occasion where voters nominated an album which really was illegible as it came out well before the year, we deleted the vote. Where they put an album in the wrong category – e.g. a re-issue/ compilation in new albums – we moved the vote and counted it in the correct section. For those reasons, there are occasionally too many or too few votes in one category.

Here is how everybody voted in the new album and reissues sections, with the exception of the few who asked for their nominations to be kept secret, sometimes because of who they *didn't* vote for!

Paul Adams

Record company boss, producer

Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson: *Gift* (Topic); **Pete Coe:** *Backbone* (Backshift Music); **Tim Eriksen:** *Soul Of January Hills* (Appleseed); **Brian Finnegan:** *The Ravishing Genius Of Bones* (Singing Tree Music); **Jez Lowe & The Bad Pennies:** *Whatcheor* (Tantobie); **Skerryvore:** *Skerryvore* (Tyree).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fled'gling); **Ola Belle Reed:** *Rising Sun Melodies* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Classic Sounds Of New Orleans* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Hedy West & Bill Clifton:** *Getting Folk Out Of The Country* (Big Bear).

Ian Anderson

fRoots Editor, musician

Duck Soup: *Open On Sundays* (Hebe Music); **Martha Mavroidi:** *The Garden Of Rila* (We Saw); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamoury* (Furrow); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Ruth Theodore:** *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Various:** *Echoes From The Mountains* (Rif Mountain); **Various:** *Egypt Noir* (Piranha); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways).

Kit Bailey

Club organiser

Roy Bailey: *Tomorrow* (Fuse); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Fay Hield:** *The Looking Glass* (Topic); **Nancy Kerr & James Fagan:** *Twice Reflected Sun* (Navigator); **Inge Thomson:** *Shipwrecks & Static* (Navigator).

Sandy Denny & The Strawbs: *All Our Own Work* (Hannibal).

Alan Bearman

Agent / event programmer

Duck Soup: *Open On Sundays* (Hebe Music); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Ewan MacLennan:** *Rags & Robes* (Fellside); **Gabe McVarish:** *Election* (Greentrax); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamoury* (Furrow); **Saltfishforty:** *Netherbow* (Cellar).

Bob Dylan: *The Wittmark Demos: 1962-1964 – The Bootleg Series Vol 9* (Columbia); **Phil Ochs:** *In Concert* (Elektra/WEA); **Tony Rose:** *Exe* (Chudleigh Roots); **Three City Four:** *Smoke And Dust* (Fuse).

François Bensignor

Journalist; Traditional & World Music Information Center manager, Paris, France

Ali Reza Ghorbani: *Les Chants Brûlés* (Accords Croisés); **Huun Huur Tu:** *Ancestors Call* (World Village); **Lokua Kanza:** *Nkolo* (World Village); **Jacky Molard & Foune Diarra:** *N'Diale* (Innacor); **Danyel Waro:** *Aou Amwin* (Cobalt); **Papa Wemba:** *Notre Père Rumba* (Sina Performance).

Star Band de Dakar: *Star 70s* (Cantos); **Super Diamono feat. Omar Pene & Ismael Lo:** *Star 80s* (Cantos); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Retracing Kikuyu Popular Music* (Ketebul Music).

Thomas Brooman

Festival director, music fan

Asere: *Junio Groove* (Astar Artes); **Cherry Ghost:** *Beneath This Burning Shoreline* (Heavenly Recordings); **Patrick Duff:** *The Mad Straight Road* (own label); **Duke Special:** *Duke Special Presents the Songs From Mother Courage And Her Children* (Duke Special / Reel to Reel); **Mavis Staples:** *You Are Not Alone* (Anti Inc); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Asha Bhosle: *The Very Best Of Asha Bhosle – The Playback Queen* (Nascente); **Ravi Shankar, Ali Akhbar Khan, Ustad Amir Khan:** *Psychedelic India* (Cherry Red); **Various Artists:** *Egypt Noir* (Piranha).

Simon Broughton

Editor-in-Chief Songlines; Co-editor Rough Guide To World Music

Asmara All Stars: *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Kroke:** *Out Of Sight* (Oriente); **Rango:** *Bride Of The Zar* (30 IPS); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Alex Wilson:** *Mali Latino* (Mali Latino).

Victor Démé: *Deli* (Chapa Blues); **Various:** *Angola Soundtrack: The Unique Sound Of Luanda 1965-1976* (Analog Africa); **Various:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol 9: In The Footsteps Of Babur: Musical Encounters From The Lands Of The Mughals* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies).

Steve Bunyan

Record label boss

Laura Marling: *I Speak Because I Can* (Virgin); **Ana Moura:** *Leva – Me Aos Fados* (World Village); **Papawa:** *Toca Madera* (Pid); **Quantic:** *A Dog With A Rope* (Tru Thoughts); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Ebo Taylor:** *Love And Death* (Strut).

King Sunny Ade & Afro Beats: *Synchro System & Aura* (T-Bird); **Various:** *More Miles Than Money* (Ace); **Various:** *Salsa Explosion* (Fania).

Roddy Campbell

Editor of Penguin Eggs, Canada's folk, roots and world music magazine

Basia Bulat: *Heart Of My Own* (Rough Trade); **Jakob Dylan:** *Women And Country* (Columbia); **Mary Gauthier:** *The Foundling* (Proper); **The Gertrudes:** *Dawn Time Riot* (Apple Crisp); **Laura Marling:** *I Speak Because I Can* (Virgin); **Mumford & Sons:** *Sigh No More* (Universal / Island).

k.d. lang: *Recollection* (Nonesuch); **Dolly Parton:** *Dolly* (RCA Nashville); **Steeleye Span:** *A Parcel Of Steeleye Span* (EMI); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways).

Tim Chipping

Music journalist

Pete Coe: *Backbone* (Backshift Music); **Jonny Kearney & Lucy Farrell:** *The North Farm Sessions* (Rabble Rouser); **Jim Moray:** *In Modern History* (NIAG); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamoury* (Furrow); **Chris Sherburn & Denny Bartley:** *Lucy Wan* (Noe Records); **Emily Smith & Jamie McLennan:** *Adoon Winding Nith* (White Fall).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fled'gling); **Bob Dylan:** *The Mono Box* (Columbia); **Bob Dylan:** *The Wittmark Demos: 1962-1964 – The Bootleg Series Vol 9* (Columbia); **A.L. Lloyd:** *An Evening With A.L. Lloyd* (Fellside).

Simon Coe

Digital distribution

Carlou D: *Muzikr* (World Village); **Laura Marling:** *I Speak Because I Can* (Virgin); **Megson:** *The Longshot* (EDJ); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Bob Dylan: *The Wittmark Demos: 1962-1964 – The Bootleg Series Vol 9* (Columbia); **Fela Kuti:** *Anthology 2* (Wrasse); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Sound Of The World Presents Anywhere On This Road* (Compiled By Charlie Gillett) (Warner Classics & Jazz).

Mark Coles

Radio presenter

Creole Choir Of Cuba: *Tande-La* (Real World); **Sister Fa:** *Sarabah* (Piranha); **Kiosk:** *Triple Distilled* (9821 Productions); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Trombone Shorty:** *Backatown* (Verve); **WAI:** *Ora* (Te Mangai Paha).

Asmara All Stars: *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Beyond Istanbul 2* (Trikont); **Various:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies).

Steven Collins

Rif Mountain Records

Bonnie 'Prince' Billy & The Cairo Gang: *Wonder Show Of The World* (Drag City); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamoury* (Furrow); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Cath & Phil Tyler:** *The Hind Wheels Of Bad Luck* (NO-FI Recordings).

Various: *Brazilian Guitar Fuzz Bananas: Tropicalia Psychedelic Masterpieces 1967-1976* (World Psychedelic Funk Classics).

Christopher Conder

fRoots writer

Jean 'Binta' Breeze: *Eena Me Corner* (Arroyo); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Concracke Constantine); **Anais Mitchell:** *Hadestown* (Righteous Babe); **The Very Best:** *Warm Heart Of Africa* (Moshi Moshi); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Jane Cornwell

Journalist

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Carlou D:** *Muzikr* (World Village); **Kouyate-Neerman:** *Kangaba* (No Format); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Alex Wilson:** *Mali Latino* (Mali Latino).

Tito Puente & His Orchestra: *Salsa Salsa* (In The Woods); **VariouS:** *Afrobeat Airways: West African Shock Waves – Ghana & Togo 1972-1979* (Analog Africa); **VariouS:** *Nouvelle-Calédonie: Voix Des Rivages Et Des Montanes* (Buda); **VariouS:** *Tradi-Mods Vs Rockers* (Crammed).

Sarah Coxson

fRoots news editor

Andy Cutting: *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Inge Thomsson:** *Shipwrecks & Static* (Navigator); **Toubab All-Stars:** *Mekfoul District* (Iris); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **D.O. Misiani & Shirati Jazz:** *The King Of History* (Sterns).

Andrew Cronshaw

Musician; fRoots writer

Dakha Brakha: *Na mezhi* (Guta); **Galandum Galundaina:** *Senhor Galandum* (Emiliano Toste); **Ojra & Kiritchenko:** *A Tangle Of Makosha* (Lillipoppe Shoppe / Nexsound); **Janusz Prusinowski Trio:** *Serce* (Sluchaj Uchem); **Snekka:** *Akropolis* (Lusti); **Sondeseu Orquestra Folk:** *Barlovento* (Do Fol).

John Crosby

Music PR (press, radio & TV)

David Byrne & Fatboy Slim: *Here Lies Love* (Nonesuch); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Lobi Traore:** *Rainy Season Blues* (Glitterhouse Records); **Jah Wobble:** *Welcome To My World* (30 Hertz).

Bob Dylan: *The Mono Box* (Columbia); **Kris Kristofferson:** *Please Don't Tell Me How The Story Ends: The Publishing Demos 1968-72* (Light In The Attic); **VariouS:** *More Miles Than Money* (Ace); **Peter Walker:** *Rainy Day Raga* (Vanguard Masters).

Joan Crump

Artistic and marketing director, Sidmouth Folk Week; director Albion Folk

The Carolina Chocolate Drops: *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Tim Eriksen:** *Soul Of January Hills* (Appleseed); **Jim Moray:** *In Modern History* (NIAG); **Roisin White:** *With Thanks / Le Buiochas* (Veteran); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

A.L. Lloyd: *An Evening With A.L. Lloyd* (Fellside); **VariouS:** *The Francis O'Neill Cylinders* (Ward Irish Music Archives).

Peter Culshaw

Music writer, Daily Telegraph etc, New Music editor theartsdesk.com

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Choc Quib Town:** *Oro* (World Connection); **Ana Moura:** *Leva – Me Aos Fados* (World Village); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.); **Hindi Zahra:** *Hand Made* (Blue Note).

Fela Kuti: *The Complete Recordings* (Box Set) (Wrasse); **VariouS:** *Afrobeat Airways: West African Shock Waves – Ghana & Togo 1972-1979* (Analog Africa); **VariouS:** *Angola Soundtrack: The Unique Sound Of Luanda 1965-1976* (Analog Africa); **VariouS:** *South African Funk* (Nascente).

Tim Cumming

Reviewer and feature writer

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Bellowhead:** *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Rango:** *Bride Of The Zar* (30 IPS); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fled'gling); **Jackie Daly:** *Music From Sliabh Luachra* (Topic); **VariouS:** *More Miles Than Money* (Ace); **VariouS:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies).

Robin Denselow

Broadcaster, journalist

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Burns Unit:** *Sideshow* (Proper); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Hanggai:** *He Who Travels Far* (World Connection); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Ruth Theodore:** *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Fela Kuti:** *Anthology 2* (Wrasse); **VariouS:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African).

Petr Doruzka

Radio presenter, freelance journalist and educator

Asmara All Stars: *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Lara Bello:** *Nina Pez* (Lara Bello); **Bethany & Rufus:** *Live @ Fip* (Daqui); **Benjamin Taubkin:** *Trio + 1* (Núcleo Contemporâneo); **Danyel Waro:** *Aou Amwin* (Cobalt); **Wimme:** *Mun* (Rockadillo).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Issa Juma & Super Wanyika Stars:** *World Defeats The Grandfathers* (Sterns); **Nicolae Guta:** *La Grande Voix Tzigane*

Daujourdhui (Auvidis); **VariouS:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways).

Steve Edge

cITR DJ, rogue folk concert organiser, Vancouver BC

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Eric Bibb:** *Booker's Guitar* (Tel-Arc); **Jim Byrnes:** *Everywhere West* (Black Hen); **Crooked Still:** *Some Strange Country* (Signature Sounds); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Robert Plant:** *Band Of Joy* (Es Paranza / Roudier).

Luka Bloom: *Dreams In America* (Compass); **Jackson Browne & David Lindley:** *Love Is Strange* (Inside Recordings); **Eilen Jewell:** *Butcher Holler: A Tribute To Loretta Lynn* (Signature Sounds); **VariouS:** *South Africa* (Putumayo).

Banning Eyre

Senior editor www.afropop.org

King Sunny Ade & Afro Beats: *Synchro System & Aura* (T-Bird); **AfroCubism:** *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Asmara All Stars:** *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Samy Izy:** *Tsara Madagasakara* (Network); **Angelique Kidjo:** *Oyo* (Razor & Tie).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Tabu Ley Rochereau:** *The Voice Of Lightness Vol 2* (Sterns Africa); **VariouS:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **VariouS:** *The World Ends: Afro Rock & Psychedelia in 1970s Nigeria* (Soundway).

Lars Fahlin

R2 (Rock'n'Reel) & Lira reviewer

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Burns Unit:** *Sideshow* (Proper); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Olle Linder:** *Full Av Folk* (Fantasifoster Produktion); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Punsch:** *Monark* (Sandkvie).

Arbete & Fritid: *Se Upp För Livet* (MNW); **Jan Dukes de Grey:** *Sorcerers / Mice And Rats In The Loft* (Cherry Red); **Samla Mamma Manna:** *Snorungarnas Symfoni* (MNW).

Jan Fairley

fRoots contributor, music journalist

Creole Choir Of Cuba: *Tande-La* (Real World); **Mayte Martin:** *Al Cantar Manuel* (World Village); **Mr McFall's Chamber:** *Birds And Beasts* (Delphinian); **Moishe's Bagel:** *Uncle Roland's Flying Machine* (Eachday Music); **Salsa Celtica:** *En Vivo En El Norte* (Discos León).

Miriam Makeba: *South Africa's Skylark* (Nascente);

Chango Spasiuk: *El Chango: The Very Best Of* (Nascente); **VariouS:** *More Miles Than Money* (Ace); **VariouS:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes).

Paolo Ferrari

Mondomix Italia reviewer; Rumore magazine reviewer; Radio Torino Popolare radio DJ

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Mulatu Astatke:** *Mulatu Steps Ahead* (Strut); **Lokua Kanza:** *Nkolo* (World Village); **Luisa Maita:** *Lero Lero* (Cumbancha); **Moussu T e lei Jovents:** *Putan De Cancon* (Le Chant Du Monde); **Hindi Zahra:** *Hand Made* (Blue Note).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **VariouS:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **VariouS:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Tom Zé:** *Studies Of* (Luaka Bop).

Paul Fisher

Far Side Music, broadcaster, fRoots contributor

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Jim Moray:** *In Modern History* (NIAG); **Oki Dub AINU Band:** *Sakhalin Rock* (Chikar Studio); **Omar Souleyman:** *Jazeera Nights* (Sublime Frequencies); **Sandiibunbun:** *Hirara* (Mana Pacifica).

VariouS: *Nippon Bon Dance Collection* (Columbia); **VariouS:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **VariouS:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies); **Doso Watazumi:** *Doso Watazumi Archive Recordings* (Columbia).

David Flower

Agent, manager

Jackson Browne & David Lindley: *Love Is Strange* (Inside Recordings); **Bob Brozman, John McSherry & Donal O'Connor:** *Six Days In Down* (WMN); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Rango:** *Bride Of The Zar* (30 IPS); **Amparo Sanchez:** *From Tucson To Havana* (Wrasse); **Jimi Tenor:** *Inspiration Information* (Strut).

John Martyn: *Live At Leeds* (Universal / Island); **VariouS:** *Havana Cultura: Gilles Peterson Presents – New Cuba Sound* (Brownswood); **VariouS:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **VariouS:** *Theme Time Radio Hour Season 3* (Ace).

Jo Frost

Songlines editor

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Natalie**

Merchant: *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal:** *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Le Vent du Nord:** *La Part du Feu* (Borealis Records); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Various: *Maitei America: Harps Of Paraguay* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Unite: A Gathering Of Strangers* (Mule Satellite); **Various:** *Yes We Can – Songs About Leaving Africa* (Outhere); **Anibal Velasquez y Su Conjunto:** *Mambo Loco* (Analog Africa).

Tom Frouge

Co-founder/co-curator/producer; *Globalquerque!* executive director of Avokado Artists

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Longtal:** *Gloria* (Sinko); **Luisa Maita:** *Lero Lero* (Cumbancha); **Ana Moura:** *Leva – Me Aos Fados* (World Village); **Robert Plant:** *Band Of Joy* (Es Paranza / Roudier); **Liber Terán:** *Tambora Sound System* (Santo Canuto).

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Afro Celt Sound System:** *Capture 1995-2010* (Real World); **Manu Chao:** *Live – Baionarena* (Nacional); **Various:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes).

Kiyoshi Funatsu

Folk music shop Tambourine, Japan

Askew Sisters: *Through Lonesome Woods* (WildGoose); **Karen Casey & John Doyle:** *Exiles Return* (Compass); **Catrina McKay & Chris Stout:** *White Knights* (McKay Stout Music); **Robert Plant:** *Band Of Joy* (Es Paranza / Roudier); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Rachel Walker:** *Air Chall – Lost* (Skipinnish).

Rev Gary Davis: *At Home & Church 1962-1967* (Stefan Grossman's Guitar Workshop); **Bonnie Dobson:** *Vive La Canadienne* (Bear Family); **Davy Graham:** *From Monkhouse To Medway 1963-1973* (Hux); **A.L. Lloyd:** *An Evening With A.L. Lloyd* (Fellside).

Cliff Furnald

Publisher RootsWorld.com, retailer cdRoots.com, radio DJ: WPKN FM

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Mulatu Astatke:** *Mulatu Steps Ahead* (Strut); **Jienat:** *Mira* (Jienat); **Seven Winds:** *Seven Winds* (Heilo); **Trio Ifriqiya:** *Petite Planète* (World Village); **Zulya:** *Tales Of Subliming* (Westpark).

Issa Juma & Super Wanyika Stars: *World Defeats The Grandfathers* (Sterns); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African).

Mike Gavin

Press officer

Grupo Lokito: *Esengo Ya Ko Bina* (own label); **Billy Jenkins & Trio Blues Suburbia:** *Born Again (And The Religion Is The Blues)* (VOTP); **Napra:** *Holdvilagos* (Folk Europa); **Dave Swarbrick:** *Raison d'Être* (Shirty); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Trembling Bells:** *Abandoned Love* (Honest Jon's Records).

Various: *The Ace Story Vols 1 & 2* (Ace); **Various:** *Echoes From The Mountains* (Rif Mountain); **Various:** *Shangaan Electro-New Wave Dance Music From South Africa* (Honest Jon's); **Peter Walker:** *Rainy Day Raga* (Vanguard Masters).

Richard Gehr

eMusic – international columnist

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **I See Hawks In LA:** *Shoulda Been Gold* (American Beat); **Kronos Quartet with Alim & Fargana Qasimov & Homayun Sakhi:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol. 8: Rainbow* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Omar Souleyman:** *Jazeera Nights* (Sublime Frequencies); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Various:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Various:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies); **Various:** *The World Ends: Afro Rock & Psychedelia in 1970s Nigeria* (Soundway).

Paul Geoghegan

Songlines Publisher

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Bellowhead:** *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Orchestre National de Barbès:** *Rendez-Vous Barbès* (Le Chant Du Monde); **Alex Wilson:** *Mali Latino* (Mali Latino).

Various: *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut); **Various:** *Unite: A Gathering Of Strangers* (Mule Satellite); **Various:** *The World Ends: Afro Rock & Psychedelia in 1970s Nigeria* (Soundway).

Jody Gillett

Editor mondomix.com, PR Free Associates

Baloji: *Kinshasa Succursale* (Kraked); **Rubens Bassini:** *Latino Fantastico* (); **First Aid Kit:** *The Big, Black And The Blue* (Far Out); **Mariachi El Bronx:** *Mariachi El Bronx* (Wichita); **Chico Trujillo:** *Chico De Oro* (Barbès); **Anibal Velasquez y Su Conjunto:** *Mambo Loco* (Analog Africa).

Various: *Angola Soundtrack: The Unique Sound Of Luanda 1965-1976* (Analog Africa); **Various:** *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut); **Various:** *Oi! A Nova Musica Brasileira!* (Mais Um Discos); **Various:** *The Sound Of Siam* (Sublime Frequencies).

Robert Gregor

Radio DJ

La Caravanne Passe: *Ahora In Da Futur* (Makasound); **Tiken Jah Fakoly:** *African Revolution* (Wrasse); **Gogol Bordello:** *Trans Continental Hustle* (Columbia); **Amparo Sanchez:** *From Tucson To Havana* (Wrasse); **Smold:** *Smold / Because* (Mali); **Idrissa Somaoro:** *Djitoumou* ().

DJ Delay: *Brass, Wires And Bass* (Beaming PR); **Various:** *Ayobanes! The Sound Of South Africa* (Outhere); **Various:** *Sounds From Globalistan* (Lola's World); **Various:** *The Sound Of Club Secousse* (Crammed).

Iain Hazlewood

Editor of Spiralearth.co.uk

Duotone: *Work Harder & One Day You'll Find Here* (ECC); **O'Hooley and Tidow:** *Silent June* (No Masters); **Megson:** *The Longshot* (EDJ); **Chris Sherburn & Denny Bartley:** *Lucy Wan* (Noe Records); **Smoke Fairies:** *Through Low Light And Trees* (V2); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Various: *Echoes From The Mountains* (Rif Mountain); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik).

Steve Heap

Director Mrs Casey Music, Towersey Village Festival and AFO

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Burns Unit:** *Sideshow* (Proper); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Chris Smither:** *Time Stands Still* (); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Lawrence Heath

Folk club / concert / ceilidh promoter, occasional contributor to Borfolk website

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Coope, Boyes & Simpson:** *As If...* (No Masters); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Richard Thompson:** *Dream Attic* (Proper); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fled'gling); **Incredible String Band:** *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* (Fledg'ling).

Michael Hingston

fRoots reviewer, PRS

Burns Unit: *Sideshow* (Proper); **Juan Carmona:** *El Sentido Del Aire* (Le Chant du Monde); **Cath & Phil Tyler:** *The Hind Wheels Of*

Bad Luck (NO-FI Recordings); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Nidi d'Arac:** *Taranta Container* (Tarantulae); **Ruth Theodore:** *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat).

Steeleye Span: *A Parcel Of Steeleye Span* (EMI); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Forgotten But Not Gone* (Big Relief); **Various:** *The Rough Guide To Flamenco Dance* (World Music Network).

Nick Hobbs

fRoots writer

Sam Amidon: *I See The Sign* (Bedroom Community); **Bengi Bag'lama Üçlüsü:** *Yeni Gelenek* (New Tradition) (Kalan); **Josh Doughty:** *Kora* (own label); **Nuru Kane:** *Number One Bus* (); **Martha Mavroidi:** *The Garden Of Rila* (We Saw); **Birsan Tezer:** *Cihan* (Kalan).

Kani Karaca & Aka Gündüz Kutbay: *Mesk* (Kalan); **Various:** *Looking For A New England 2: The Other Traditions* (fRoots); **Various:** *Rembetika 4: Vassilis Tistsanis – The Postwar Years 1950-1954* (JSP); **Various:** *To Scratch Your Heart: Early Recordings From Istanbul* (Honest Jon's).

Roger Holdsworth

Presenter, *Global Village* (PBS-FM Melbourne, Australia)

Hosam Hayek: *Stranger In My Home Land* (Doublemoon); **Nevcivan Özel Project:** *Taristanbul* (A.K. Muzik); **Saltwater Band:** *Malk* (Skinnyfish); **Hüsnü Senlendirici and Trio Chios:** *Ege'nin İki Yam* (Both Sides Of The Aegean) (Doublemoon); **I Viaggiatori:** *Suitcase Serenata* (Black Market Music); **Zulya:** *Tales Of Subliming* (Westpark).

Various: *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various & Earthsync:** *A New Day: Laya Project Remixed* (EarthSync); **Various & Nezh Ünén:** *Anadolu'nun Kayip Sarkilari: Lost Songs Of Anatolia* (Kalan); **Various:** *Sarkhane: Compositions In The Old Iranian Music Style* (Mahoor Records).

David Honigmann

Financial Times world music critic

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Frazey Ford:** *Obadiah* (Nettwerk); **Dobet Gnahore:** *Djekpa La You* (Contre Jour); **Amparo Sanchez:** *From Tucson To Havana* (Wrasse); **Toubab All-Stars:** *Mekfoul District* (Iris); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Fela Kuti:** *Anthology 2* (Wrasse); **Various:** *Rough Guide To The Music Of Afghanistan* (Rough Guides).

John Howson

Musician / researcher / producer – Veteran Records, Director – East Anglian Traditional Music Trust

Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson: *Gift* (Topic); **Billy Clifford:** *Echoes Of Sliabh* (own label); **Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch:** *Living Stream* (own label); **Duck Soup:** *Open On Sundays* (Hebe Music); **Rita Gallagher:** *May Morning Dew* (own label); **Tommy McCarthy:** *Round Top Wagon* (ITCD).

William Kimber: *Absolutely Classic* (Talking Elephant).

Ken Hunt

Full-time freelance writer, broadcaster.

Jackson Browne & David Lindley: *Love Is Strange* (Inside Recordings); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Diva Reka:** *Diva Reka* (Giga New); **Kronos Quartet with Alim & Fargana Qasimov & Homayun Sakhi:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol. 8: Rainbow* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band:** *Legacy* (Compass); **Dave Swarbrick:** *Raison d'Être* (Shirly).

Swamy Haridhos & Party: *Classical Bhajans* (Country & Eastern); **Incredible String Band:** *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* (Fledg'ling); **Ravi Shankar:** *Nine Decades Vol 1 – 1967-1968* (East Meets West Music Inc); **Various:** *Magic Clarinet* (NoEthno).

Steve Hunt

Musician, gig promoter, occasional Shindig! reviewer

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Nancy Kerr & James Fagan:** *Twice Reflected Sun* (Navigator); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Incredible String Band: *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* (Fledg'ling); **Pete Seeger:** *Favorite American Ballads Vol 1-5* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik).

Colin Irwin

fRoots reviewer, author

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **The Chieftains with Ry Cooder:** *San Patricio* (Hear Music); **Ian King:** *Panic Grass And Feverfew* (); **Ewan MacLennan:** *Rags & Robes* (Fellside); **Ana Moura:** *Leva – Me Aos Fados* (World Village); **Ruth Theodore:** *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat).

Afro Celt Sound System: *Capture 1995-2010* (Real World); **Shirley Collins:** *Sweet England* (Fledg'ling); **A.L. Lloyd:** *An Evening With A.L. Lloyd* (Fellside); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism).

Alan James

Hold Tight: Artist management, tour production, arts consultant

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Fay Hield:** *The Looking Glass* (Topic); **Jim Moray:** *In Modern History* (NIAG); **O'Hooley and Tidow:** *Silent June* (No Masters); **Robert Plant:** *Band Of Joy* (Es Paranza / Rouder).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fledg'ling); **Incredible String Band:** *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* (Fledg'ling); **OK Jazz:** *Roots Of OK Jazz* (Crammed); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism).

Gina Jennings

fRoots staff

The Abramson Singers: *The Abramson Singers* (White Whale); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik); **Various:** *More Miles Than Money* (Ace).

David Jones

Concert producer and festival organiser

Creole Choir Of Cuba: *Tande-La* (Real World); **Caoimhin O Raghallaigh:** *Where The One-Eyed Man Is King* (Chassis); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Charbel Rouhana:** *Doux Zen* (Forward Music); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal:** *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Richard Thompson:** *Dream Attic* (Proper).

Various: *Beginner's Guide To India* (Nascente).

Simon Jones

fRoots contributor, broadcaster

Chumbawamba: *ABCDEFGF* (No Masters); **Glorystrokes:** *Rude Mechanicals* (Stroke); **Michael McGoldrick:** *Aurora* (Vertical); **Megson:** *The Longshot* (EDJ); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Skerryvore:** *Skerryvore* (Tyree).

Sandy Denny & The Strawbs: *All Our Own Work* (Hannibal); **Jim Moray:** *A Beginner's Guide*

(NIAG); **No Right Turn:** *Time & Tide* (Tom Tom); **The Tansads:** *Rough & Ready: The Early Tapes* (Voice Of Reason).

Bill Kubezko

Presenter, producer, consultant

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Dylan LeBlanc:** *Paupers Field* (Rough Trade); **Mavis Staples:** *You Are Not Alone* (Anti Inc); **Wise-McGraw:** *How The Light Gets In* (Red House); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Bob Dylan: *The Mono Box* (Columbia); **The Grateful Dead:** *Road Trips, Vol 3: No 3 Fillmore East 5-15-70* (Grateful Dead); **Spider John Koerner:** *Musics Is Just A Bunch Of Notes + The Secret Of Sleep* (Nero's Neptune); **Various:** *Theme Time Radio Hour Season 3* (Ace).

Jim Lee

Reviewer Driftwood magazine

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Tamikrest:** *Adagh* (Glitterhouse Records); **Loudon Wainwright:** *10 Songs For The New Depression* (Proper); **Yh Hwntws:** *Gwentian* (Sain).

Sandy Denny & The Strawbs: *All Our Own Work* (Hannibal); **Davy Graham:** *From Monkhouse To Medway 1963-1973* (Hux); **Stefan Grossman & John Renbourn:** *Same* (Acoustic Music); **Three City Four:** *Smoke And Dust* (Fuse).

Jeanette Leech

Author of Seasons They Change: The Story Of Acid And Psychedelic Folk

Islaja: *Keraaminen Paa* (Fonal); **Sharron Kraus:** *The Woody Nightshade* (Strange Attractors); **The Magickal Folk Of The Faraway Tree:** *The Soup And The Shilling* (Deserted Village); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Stone Breath & The Forest Beggars:** *The Shepherdess & The Bone White Bird* (Hand/Eye); **Jane Weaver:** *The Fallen By Witch Bird* (Bird).

Bonnie Dobson: *Vive La Canadienne* (Bear Family); **The Macdonald Sisters:** *Solas Clann Dhomhnaill* (Rev-Ola); **Bridget St John:** *BBC Radio 1968-1976* (Hux); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik).

Alan Levermore

Label manager PMD

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Ralph McTell:** *Somewhere Down The Road* (Leola); **Ruth Theodore:** *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat);

Chris Wood: *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Incredible String Band: *The Incredible String Band* (Fledg'ling); **Koerner, Ray & Glover:** *Blues, Rags And Hollers* (Tartare); **Leon Rosselson & Robb Johnson:** *The Liberty Tree* (PM Press); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik).

Jon Lewis

Radio producer

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Chumbawamba:** *ABCDEFGF* (No Masters); **Danu:** *Seanchas* (own label); **Ian King:** *Panic Grass And Feverfew* (); **The Owl Service:** *The View From A Hill* (Rif Mountain); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator).

Davy Graham: *A Scholar And A Gentleman* (Decca); **Incredible String Band:** *The 5000 Spirits Of The Layers Of The Onion* (Fledg'ling); **John Martyn:** *Live At Leeds* (Universal / Island); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism).

Caspar Llewellyn Smith

Journalist

Die Antwoord: *\$O\$* (Interscope); **Bellowhead:** *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Paolo Conte:** *Nelson* (Wrasse); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Fela Kuti:** *The Complete Recordings* (Box Set) (Wrasse); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Tradi-Mods Vs Rockers* (Crammed).

Kate Longmate

Folk Devils, Musicport, Queen Mab's Music

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Hassan Erraji:** *Awal Mara* (World Village); **Dobet Gnahore:** *Djekpa La You* (Contre Jour); **Jah Wobble & The Nippon Dub Ensemble:** *Japanese Dub* (30 Hertz).

Various: *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Blodeugerdd Song Of The Flowers: An Anthology Of Welsh Music And Song* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Morris On* (Fledg'ling); **Various:** *People Take Warning! Murder Ballads & Songs Of Disaster 1913-1938* (Tompkins Square).

Dave Longmate

CD retailer

James Blackshaw: *The Clouds Of Unknowing* (Tompkins Square); **Los De Abajo:** *Actitud Calle* (Wrasse); **Amparo Sanchez:** *From Tucson To Havana* (Wrasse); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Jah Wobble & The Nippon Dub Ensemble:** *Japanese Dub* (30 Hertz).

Various: *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *People Take Warning! Murder Ballads & Songs Of Disaster 1913-1938* (Tompkins Square); **Various:** *Rumba Blues: How Latin Music Changed Rhythm & Blues Vol 1 1940-53* (.).

Lara López

Directora de Radio 3

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Mariem Hassan:** *Shouka* (Nubenegra); **Maria Kalaniemi:** *Vilda Rosor* (Aito); **Salif Keita:** *La Difference* (Universal); **Mayte Martin:** *Al Cantar Manuel* (World Village); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Kronos Quartet with Alim & Fargana Qasimov & Homayun Sakhi: *Music Of Central Asia Vol. 8: Rainbow* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Fela Kuti:** *Anthology 2* (Wrasse).

Ton Maas

Music writer, photographer, broadcaster

Amira: *Live* (Gramafon); **Arifa:** *Beyond Babylon* (Mundus); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Johanna Jukola:** *Fantasiatango* (Texicalli); **Zulya:** *Tales Of Subliming* (Westpark).

Bellowhead: *Presents Umbrellowhead* (Megafone); **Incredible String Band:** *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* (Fledg'ling); **John Martyn:** *Live At Leeds* (Universal / Island); **Orchestre Poly-Rythmo De Cotonou:** *Echos Hypnotiques 1969-1979 (Vol. 2)* (Analog Africa).

Yusuf Mahmoud

Sauti za Busara festival director, Zanzibar

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Asmara All Stars:** *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Konono No 1:** *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Aurelio Martinez:** *Laru Beya* (Stonetree / Realworld); **Yousou N'Dour:** *I Bring What I Love* (Nonesuch).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Yousou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Issa Juma & Super Wanyika Stars:** *World Defeats The Grandfathers* (Sterns); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns

African); **Various:** *Yes We Can – Songs About Leaving Africa* (Outhere).

Howard Male

Reviewer

Asmara All Stars: *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Vinicio Capossela:** *The Story-Faced Man* (Nonesuch); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Choc Quib Town:** *Oro* (World Connection); **Caitlin Rose:** *Own Side Now* (); **Mama Rosin:** *Bruie Lentelement* (Voodoo Rhythm).

Various: *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut); **Various:** *Oi! A Nova Musica Brasileira!* (Mais Um Discos); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **Various:** *Sound Of The World Presents Anywhere On This Road Compiled By Charlie Gillett* (Warner Classics & Jazz).

Ben Mandelson

Bloke of Bragg, Stubbleteer, Triobolique & Fiend of Mustapha, GlobeStyle Records person

Abraham Inc: *Tweet Tweet* (Table Pounding Records); **Kálmán Balogh & Lukács Miklós:** *Cimbalomduó* (FolkEurópa); **Jeong Hyun Chu:** *Gayageum Sanjo* (AkdangEban); **Konono No 1:** *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Söndörgä:** *Lost Music Of The Balkans* (Söndörg' Association Sondisc); **Wang Li:** *Sang's Dream* (Wang Li Music).

Dahmane Harrachi: *Ya el Hadjila* (Fassiphone); **Lightnin' Hopkins:** *His Blues* (Ace); **Various:** *Outsinging The Nightingale: Lost Treasures Of Bulgarian Music* (JSP); **Various:** *Shir Hodu: Jewish Song From Bombay Of The '30s* (Renair).

Jim McLaughlin

Festival director (Musicport)

The Carolina Chocolate Drops: *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Hassan Erraji:** *Awal Mara* (World Village); **Moussu T e lei Jovents:** *Putan De Cancon* (Le Chant Du Monde); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Le Trio Joubran:** *Majaz* (World Village).

Easy Star All Stars: *Dubber Side Of The Moon* (Easy Star); **Incredible String Band:** *Earthspan & No Ruinous Feud* (BGO); **Fela Kuti:** *The Complete Recordings* (Box Set) (Wrasse); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African).

Tony McLoughlin

Label Manager

Botown: *The Soul Of Bollywood* (SAM Productions); **Hosam Hayek:** *Stranger In My Home Land* (Doublemoon); **Elena Ledda:** *Cantendi a Deus*

(SARD Music); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Joe Wilkes:** *Looking For The Grave Of Garcia Lorca* (Spitz); **Dhafer Youssef:** *Abu Mawas* (Jazzland).

William Kimber: *Absolutely Classic* (Talking Elephant); **New Lost City Ramblers:** *50 Years Where Do You Come From, Where Do You Go?* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Ola Belle Reed:** *Rising Sun Melodies* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African).

Adrian McNally

RabbleRouser Music, Manager/ pianist/ producer/ arranger for The Unthanks

Laura Marling: *I Speak Because I Can* (Virgin); **The Quebe Sisters Band:** *Timeless* (Fiddle Tone); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Trembling Bells:** *Trembling Love* (Honest Jon's); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.); **Wyatt, Stephen & Atzmon:** *For The Ghosts Within* (Domino).

Johnny Handle: *Compositions Of 50 Years* (Carrsgate Music); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism).

Sebastian Merrick

Promoter

Mulatu Astatke: *Mulatu Steps Ahead* (Strut); **Boban I Marko Markovic Orkestar:** *Devla* (Piranha); **Tcha Limberger's Kalotaszeg Trio:** *A Hajnali Csillag Ragyog* (Lejazzetal); **Amira & Merima Kljuco:** *Zumra* (World Village); **Rango:** *Bride Of The Zar* (30 IPS).

Various: *Unite: A Gathering Of Strangers* (Mule Satellite).

Sandy Miranda

Radio DJ in San Francisco

Ana Moura: *Leva – Me Aos Fados* (World Village); **Tim O'Brien:** *Chicken & Egg* (Howdy Skies); **Razia Said:** *Zebu Nation* (Cumbancha); **Te Vaka:** *Haoloto* (Warm Earth).

Mance Lipiscomb: *Best Of* (Arhoolie); **Various:** *Oxford American 11th Edition: Southern Music: Arkansas* (Oxford American); **Various:** *Preservation: An Album Tribute to Benefit Preservation Hall* (Preservation Hall); **Various:** *Rough Guide To Paris Café* (World Music Network).

Sofi Mogensen

fRoots assistant editor

Al-Andaluz Project: *Al-Maraya* (Galileo); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal:** *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Cath & Phil Tyler:** *The Hind Wheels Of Bad Luck* (NO-FL Recordings); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Ola Belle Reed: *Rising Sun Melodies* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Fire In My Bones: Raw + Rare + Otherworldly African-American Gospel 1944-2007* (Tompkins Square); **Various:** *Outsinging The Nightingale: Lost Treasures Of Bulgarian Music* (JSP); **Various:** *To Scratch Your Heart: Early Recordings From Istanbul* (Honest Jon's).

Tony Montague

fRoots writer, Penguin Eggs writer

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **De Temps Antan:** *Les Habits de Papier* (L-A Be); **Dobet Gnahore:** *Djekpa La You* (Contre Jour); **Michael McGoldrick:** *Aurora* (Vertical); **Janusz Prusinowski Trio:** *Serce* (Sluchaj Uchem); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Bob Dylan: *The Wittmark Demos: 1962-1964 – The Bootleg Series Vol 9* (Columbia).

Jim Moray

Musician

Sam Amidon: *I See The Sign* (Bedroom Community); **Tim Eriksen:** *Soul Of January Hills* (Appleseed); **Anais Mitchell:** *Hadestown* (Righteous Babe); **Damien O'Kane:** *Summer Hill* (Pure); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow).

Mark D Moss

Editor/executive director of Sing Out!

Tony Barrant and Keith Murphy: *On The Banks Of Coldbrook: Atwood Family Songs From The Hills Of Vermont* (Black Isle Music); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Frigg:** *Grannen* (Frigg); **Gangstagrass feat. T.O.N.E-Z:** *Lightning On The Strings, Thunder On The Mic* (Rench Audio); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Anais Mitchell:** *Hadestown* (Righteous Babe).

Rev Gary Davis: *At Home & Church 1962-1967* (Stefan Grossman's Guitar Workshop); **Various:** *How Sweet It Was: The Sights And Sounds Of Gospel's Golden Age* (Shanachie); **Hank Williams:** *The Complete Mother's Best Recordings Plus* (TimeLife).

Con Murphy

fRoots reviewer

Mariem Hassan: *Shouka* (Nubenegra); **Samy Izy:** *Tsara Madagasakara* (Network); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Jacky Molard & Founé Diarra:** *N'Diale* (Innacor); **Orchestre National de Barbès:** *Rendez-Vous Barbès* (Le Chant Du Monde); **Paban Das Baul:** *Music Of The Honey Gatherers* (Riverboat).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Yousou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Various:** *Egypt*

Noir (Piranha); **Various**: *Lost Treasures of Bulgarian Music 1905-1950* (JSP); **Various**: *Murder: Songs From The Dark Side Of The Soul* (Trikont).

Chris Nickson

Music journalist & novelist

King Sunny Ade & Afro Beats: *Synchro System & Aura* (T-Bird); **Bellowhead**: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **De Fries & D. Beck**: *På Livets Vej* (Tut!); **Krista Detor**: *Chocolate Paper Suites* (Tightrope); **Dirtmusic**: *BKO* (Glitterhouse); **Dreamers Circus**: *Dreamers Circus* (Go' Danish Folk Music).

Phønix: *20* (Go' Danish Folk); **Bridget St John**: *BBC Radio 1968-1976* (Hux); **Various**: *Africa - 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various**: *Angola Soundtrack: The Unique Sound Of Luanda 1965-1976* (Analog Africa).

Phillip Page

Hoedown Arts, Helsinki

Crooked Still: *Some Strange Country* (Signature Sounds); **Dakha Brakha**: *Na mezhi* (Guta); **Frigg**: *Grannen* (Frigg); **Kazumasa Hashimoto**: *Strangeness* (Midi); **Ruth Moody**: *The Garden* (Red House); **World Standard**: *Silencio* (Daisyworld).

Mahmoud Ahmed: *Ethiopiennes 26* (Buda); **Mary Hopkin**: *Earth Song, Ocean Song* (Apple); **Ravi Shankar & George Harrison**: *Collaborations* (Dark Horse); **Omar Souleyman**: *Jazeera Nights* (Sublime Frequencies).

Katerina Pavlakis

Concert/tour producer

La Brass Banda: *Übersee* (Trikont); **Maria Kalanemi**: *Vilda Rosor* (Aito); **Salif Keita**: *La Difference* (Universal); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate**: *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Wimme**: *Mun* (Rockadillo); **Antonio Zambujo**: *Guia* (World Village).

Various: *Listen To The Banned* (Freemuse/Grappa); **Various**: *Looking For A New England 2: The Other Traditions* (fRoots).

Chris Pentney

Venue programmer

Baltic Crossing: *Firetour* (Go'Danish); **Bellowhead**: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Brian Finnegan**: *The Ravishing Genius Of Bones* (Singing Tree Music); **Stewart Hardy & Frank McLaughlin**: *Compass* (Claytara); **Emily Portman**: *The Glamoury* (Furrow).

Tom Petersen

Radio editor/DJ, WDR Funkhaus Europa

The Jolly Boys: *New Expectation* (GeeJam / Wall of Sound); **Axel Krygier**: *Pesebre* (Crammed); **Soud Massi**: *O*

Houria (Universal); **Bibi Tanga & The Selenites**: *Dunya* (NatGeo); **Trombone Shorty**: *Backatown* (Verve); **Hindi Zahra**: *Hand Made* (Blue Note).

Freddie King: *Texas Flyer* (Bear Family); **The Rolling Stones**: *Exile On Main Street* (Polydor / UID); **Various**: *I Smell A Rat: Early Black Rock 'n' Roll* (Trikont); **Various**: *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes).

Marilena Petridou

Radio producer

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Konono No 1**: *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Robert Plant**: *Band Of Joy* (Es Paranza / Rouder); **Omar Souleyman**: *Jazeera Nights* (Sublime Frequencies); **Syriana**: *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Ruth Theodore**: *White Holes Of Mole Hills* (River Rat).

Afro Celt Sound System: *Capture 1995-2010* (Real World); **Bellowhead**: *Presents Umbrellohead* (Megafone); **Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour**: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **D.O. Misiani & Shirati Jazz**: *The King Of History* (Sterns).

Renzo Pognant

Record producer, Felmay Records

Hindi Zahra: *Hand Made* (Blue Note); **Hüsnü Senlendirici and Trio Chios**: *Ege'nin İki Yam* (Both Sides Of The Aegean) (Doublemoon); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal**: *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Tamikrest**: *Adagh* (Glitterhouse Records).

Klezomatics: *Wonder Whell* (Music & Words).

John Potter

Author & music journalist, Okinawa

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **The Imagined Village**: *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Mio Matsuda**: *Flor Criolla* (Omogatoki); **Jim Moray**: *In Modern History* (NIAG); **Seijin Noborikawa**: *Fountain Of Songs* (Respect); **Razia Said**: *Zebu Nation* (Cumbancha).

Bob Dylan: *The Wittmark Demos: 1962-1964 - The Bootleg Series Vol 9* (Columbia); **Incredible String Band**: *Wee Tam & The Big Huge* (Fledg'ling); **Issa Juma & Super Wanyika Stars**: *World Defeats The Grandfathers* (Sterns); **Various**: *Miuta* (Campus).

Gordon Potts

Musician, caller, copyright stuff

Bellowhead: *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Andy Cutting**: *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Gavin Davenport**: *Brief Lives*

(Hallamshire Traditions); **Fay Hield**: *The Looking Glass* (Topic); **Jim Moray**: *A Beginner's Guide* (NIAG); **Alasdair Roberts**: *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fledg'ling); **Tim Hart**: *Favourite Nursery Rhymes* (Park); **Pete Seeger**: *Favorite American Ballads Vol 1-5* (Smithsonian Folkways).

Giles Quinnett

World Village, Harmonia Mundi

Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: *The Trance Sessions* (Real World); **Bako Dagnon**: *Sidiba* (Discograph); **Chartwell Dutiro**: *Dendere Ngoma* (Ingoma); **Mary Gauthier**: *The Foundling* (Proper); **Giulia y los Tellarini**: *Eusebio* (Maik Maier); **Susanna Owiyo**: *My Roots* (KKV).

Issa Juma & Super Wanyika Stars: *World Defeats The Grandfathers* (Sterns); **Ola Belle Reed**: *Rising Sun Melodies* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Sweet Talks**: *Kusum Beat* (Soundway); **Various**: *Ghana Special: Modern Highlife, Afro Sounds 1968-1981* (Soundway).

Rita Ray

DJ, broadcaster, curator

Lokua Kanza: *Nkolo* (World Village); **Lonely Drifter Karen**: *Fall Of Spring* (Crammed); **Thandiswa Mazwai**: *Ibokwe* (Gallo / Warner); **Paban Das Baul**: *Music Of The Honey Gatherers* (Riverboat); **Quantic**: *A Dog With A Rope* (Tru Thoughts); **Lobi Traore**: *Rainy Season Blues* (Glitterhouse Records).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Anibal Velasquez y Su Conjunto**: *Mambo Loco* (Analog Africa); **Various**: *Afrobeat Airways: West African Shock Waves - Ghana & Togo 1972-1979* (Analog Africa); **Various**: *Honky Tonk Charlie Gillett's Radio Picks* (Ace).

Dominic Raymond-Barker

New boy at World Music Network

Natacha Atlas: *Mounqaliba - In A State Of Reversal* (World Village); **Amira & Merima Kljuco**: *Zumra* (World Village); **Albert Kuvezin & Yat-Kha**: *Poets And Lighthouses* (Yat-Kha); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal**: *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Syriana**: *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Danyel Waro**: *Aou Amwin* (Cobalt).

OK Jazz: *Roots Of OK Jazz* (Crammed); **Chango Spasiuk**: *El Chango: The Very Best Of* (Nascente); **Various**: *More Miles Than Money* (Ace); **Various**: *Oi! A Nova Musica Brasileira!* (Mais Um Discos).

Max Reinhardt

Presenter BBC Radio 3 Late Junction

Bob Brozman, John McSherry & Donal O'Connor: *Six Days In Down* (WMN); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson**: *Gift* (Topic); **Konono No 1**: *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Megson**: *The Longshot* (EDJ); **Orchestre National de Barbès**: *Rendez-Vous Barbès* (Le Chant Du Monde); **South Memphis String Band**: *Home Sweet Home* (Memphis International).

Robert Johnson: *Robert Johnson Reborn And Remastered* (World Music Network); **Lightnin' Hopkins**: *His Blues* (Ace); **Various**: *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut); **Various**: *Nigeria Afrobeat Special: The New Explosive Sound in 1970s Nigeria* (Soundway).

Jamie Renton

fRoots contributor & DJ

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Ian King**: *Panic Grass And Feverfew* (); **Konono No 1**: *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal**: *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Ska Cubano**: *Mambo Ska* (Casinosounds); **Terrakota**: *World Massala* (Ojo Music).

Django Reinhardt:

Djangologie (Le Chant du Monde); **Various**: *Ghana Special: Modern Highlife, Afro Sounds 1968-1981* (Soundway); **Various**: *Honky Tonk Charlie Gillett's Radio Picks* (Ace); **Various**: *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut).

D J Ritu

BBC London DJ

Amira & Merima Kljuco: *Zumra* (World Village); **Bob Brozman, John McSherry & Donal O'Connor**: *Six Days In Down* (WMN); **Diaspora**: *A Jamaican In Cairo* (Green Queen); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal**: *Chamber Music* (Universal France); **Ska Cubano**: *Mambo Ska* (Casinosounds); **Alex Wilson**: *Mali Latino* (Mali Latino).

Various: *Listen To The Banned* (Freemuse/Grappa); **Various**: *Looking For A New England 2: The Other Traditions* (fRoots); **Various**: *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Various**: *Rough Guide To Bhangra* (World Music Network).

Angel Romero

World Music Central editor

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Altan**: *Altan: 25th Anniversary Celebration* (); **Hassan Erraji**: *Awal Mara* (World Village); **Dave Holland & Pepe Habichuela**: *Hands* (Dare2); **Son Aires de la Frontera**: *Moroneando* (Bujio); **Jorge Strunz**: *Neotropical Nocturnes* (Selva Records).

Willie Colón & Rubén Blades: *Siembra* (Fania); **Willie Colón &**

Rubén Blades: *Siembra Live* (Fania).

Tom Rose

Artist management

The Abramson Singers: *The Abramson Singers* (White Whale); **Chumbawamba:** *ABCDEFGH* (No Masters); **Andy Cutting:** *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **Macmaster Hay:** *Love & Reason* (own label); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Incredible String Band: *First Album* (Fledg'ling); **Various:** *Folk Against Fascism Vol 1* (Folk Against Fascism); **Various:** *Ghana Special: Modern Highlife, Afro Sounds 1968-1981* (Soundway).

JPR Joel Roszykiewicz

Radio DJ

Asmara All Stars: *Eritrea's Got Soul* (Outhere); **Carlou D:** *Muzikr* (World Village); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Ian King:** *Panic Grass And Feverfew* (); **Syriana:** *The Road To Damascus* (Real World); **Alex Wilson:** *Mali Latino* (Mali Latino).

Various: *Afrobeat Airways: West African Shock Waves – Ghana & Togo 1972-1979* (Analog Africa); **Various:** *Angola Soundtrack: The Unique Sound Of Luanda 1965-1976* (Analog Africa); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **Various:** *World Music From Hungary* (Songlines).

Jay Rutledge

Radio DJ public radio Munich; Head of outhere records

Choc Quib Town: *Oro* (World Connection); **Felouche:** *Darwin avait raison* (Ya Basta); **Razia Said:** *Zebu Nation* (Cumbancha); **Tamikrest:** *Adagh* (Glitterhouse Records); **Trombone Shorty:** *Backatown* (Verve); **Tumi & The Volume:** *Pick A Dream* (Safiko).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: *Once Upon A Time In Senegal* (Sterns); **Various:** *Afrobeat Airways: West African Shock Waves – Ghana & Togo 1972-1979* (Analog Africa); **Various:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Anibal Velasquez y Su Conjunto:** *Mambo Loco* (Analog Africa).

Philip Ryalls

Photographer

The Imagined Village: *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Natalie Merchant:** *Leave Your Sleep* (Nonesuch); **Allison Moorer:** *Crows* (); **Joanna Newsom:** *Have One On Me* (); **Josh Ritter:** *So Runs The World Away* (); **Neil Young:** *Le Noise* ().

Lee Perry & The Upsetters: *Sound System Scratch* (Pressure

Sounds); **Various:** *Bob Dylan's Country Selection* (Shout Factory); **Various:** *Sound Of The World Presents Anywhere On This Road Compiled By Charlie Gillett* (Warner Classics & Jazz); **Yabby You:** *Legacy* (Soul Of The Lion).

Rick Sanders

Musician, fRoots reviewer

Salif Keita: *La Difference* (Universal); **Konono No 1:** *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Los Lobos:** *Tin Can Trust* (Proper); **Geoff Muldaur:** *Geoff Muldaur & The Texas Sheiks* (Tradition & Moderne); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit); **Loudon Wainwright:** *10 Songs For The New Depression* (Proper).

King Sunny Ade & Afro Beats: *Synchro System & Aura* (T-Bird); **Baghdaddies:** *Dancylvania* (own label); **D.O. Misiani & Shirati Jazz:** *The King Of History* (Sterns); **Various:** *Ethiopiennes 24: Golden Years Of Modern Ethiopian Music* (Buda).

Miguel Santos

Red Orange Arts Agency director, LIFEM director, Resonance FM presenter

Baghdaddies: *Dancylvania* (own label); **Bellowhead:** *Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version* (Navigator); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Hanggai:** *He Who Travels Far* (World Connection); **Huun Huur Tu:** *Ancestors Call* (World Village); **Albert Kuvezin & Yat-Kha:** *Poets And Lighthouses* (Yat-Kha).

Various: *BalkanFever London – Mind The Brass* (Green Queen Music); **Various:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol 7: In The Shrine Of The Heart – Popular Classics From Bukhara And Beyond* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol 9: In The Footsteps Of Babur: Musical Encounters From The Lands Of The Mughals* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various:** *Unheard Of's & Forgotten Abouts: Rare And Unheralded Gramophone Recordings From Around The World (1916-1964)* (Tompkins Square).

Ilka Schlockermann

PR & promotion, artist management

Hanggai: *He Who Travels Far* (World Connection); **Konono No 1:** *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Mumford & Sons:** *Sigh No More* (Universal / Island); **The Very Best:** *Warm Heart Of Africa* (Moshi Moshi).

Various: *Quantic Presents Tropical Funk Experience* (Nascente); **Various:** *South African Funk* (Nascente).

Derek Schofield

Editor of English Dance & Song

Belshazzar's Feast: *Find The Lady* (Unearthed); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson:** *Gift* (Topic); **Pete Coe:** *Backbone* (Backshift Music); **Jim Moray:** *In Modern History* (NIAG); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Chris Wood:** *Handmade Life* (R.U.F.).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fledg'ling); **A.L. Lloyd:** *An Evening With A.L. Lloyd* (Fellside); **Three City Four:** *Smoke And Dust* (Fuse); **Various:** *The Francis O'Neill Cylinders* (Ward Irish Music Archives).

Ilmars Slapins

Radio DJ

Herbie Hancock: *The Imagine Project* (Universal); **Johanna Jukola:** *Fantasiatango* (Texicalli); **Kruk & Mahsa Vahdat:** *I Vinenes Speil* (Kirkelig Kulturverksted); **Tamikrest:** *Adagh* (Glitterhouse Records); **Lobi Traore:** *Rainy Season Blues* (Glitterhouse Records); **Wimme:** *Mun* (Rockadillo).

Various: *Ghana Special: Modern Highlife, Afro Sounds 1968-1981* (Soundway); **Various:** *Listen To The Banned* (Freemuse/Grappa); **Various:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Various:** *Yes We Can – Songs About Leaving Africa* (Outhere).

Neil Sparkes

Musician, producer

Batucada Sound Machine: *Rhythm & Rhyme* (Riot Music); **Cheikh Lo:** *Jamm* (World Circuit); **Konono No 1:** *Assume Crash Position* (Crammed); **Los De Abajo:** *Actitud Calle* (Wrasse); **Oki Dub Ainu Band:** *Sakhalin Rock* (Chikar Studio); **Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends:** *Farmer's Toast* (Universal).

Andrew Cronshaw: *The Great Dark Water* (Acrobat); **Various:** *Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010* (Sterns African); **Various:** *Ghosts From The Basement* (Weekend Beatnik); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways).

Neil Spencer

Observer and Uncut reviewer

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops:** *Genuine Negro Jig* (Nonesuch); **Ian King:** *Panic Grass And Feverfew* (); **Anais Mitchell:** *Hadestown* (Righteous Babe); **Emily Portman:** *The Glamour* (Furrow); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Shirley Collins: *Sweet England* (Fledg'ling); **Fela Kuti:** *The Complete Recordings* (Box Set) (Wrasse); **Various:** *Afro Rock Vol 1* (Strust); **Muddy Waters:** *Country Blues* (World Music Network).

Scott Stevens

Host of Spin The Globe on KAOS-fm and writer for SoundRoots.org

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Mulatu Astatke:** *New York-Addis-London* (Strut); **Axum:** *Axum* (JDub); **Red Baraat:** *Chaal Baby* (Sinj); **Peña:** *Peña* (Secret Stash); **Razia Said:** *Zebu Nation* (Cumbancha).

Various: *Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2* (Strut); **Various:** *The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru* (Crammed / Barbes); **Various:** *Rough Guide To Desert Blues* (World Music Network); **Various:** *Tribute To A Reggae Legend* (Putumayo).

Michael Stone

fRoots reviewer, radio DJ WWFM HD2

AfroCubism: *AfroCubism* (World Circuit); **Mulatu Astatke:** *Mulatu Steps Ahead* (Strut); **Anouar Brahem:** *The Astounding Eyes Of Rita* (ECM); **Magnifico:** *Magnification* (Piranha); **Marta Topferova:** *Trova* (World Village); **Tom Zé & Banda:** *O Pirulito Da Ciência* (Discomed).

Rumel Fuentes: *Corridos Of The Chicano Movement* (Arhoolie); **Various:** *Jamaica – Mento 1951-1958* (Frémieux & Associés); **Various:** *Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia* (Soundways); **Various:** *Panama! 3* (Soundway).

Rod Stradling

Singer, musician, magazine editor, record producer

The Darty Céilí Band: *The Killavil Post* (own label); **Duck Soup:** *Open On Sundays* (Hebe Music); **Stevie Dunne:** *About Time* (); **Musicanti del Piccolo Borgo:** *Ecchite Maje* (RadiciMusic); **Cath & Phil Tyler:** *The Hind Wheels Of Bad Luck* (NO-FI Recordings).

David Suff

aka Mr Fledg'ling (an archivist)

Andy Cutting: *Andy Cutting* (Lane Records); **The Imagined Village:** *Empire And Love* (Emmerson Corncrake Constantine); **Kronos Quartet with Alim & Fargana Qasimov & Homayun Sakhi:** *Music Of Central Asia Vol. 8: Rainbow* (Smithsonian Folkways); **Alasdair Roberts:** *Too Long In This Condition* (Navigator); **Richard Thompson:** *Dream Attic* (Proper); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate:** *Ali And Toumani* (World Circuit).

Ian A Anderson: *Time Is Ripe* (Weekend Beatnik); **John Martyn:** *Live At Leeds* (Universal / Island).

Alessio Surian

Journalist

Victor Démé: *Deli* (Chapa Blues); **Gilberto Gil:** *Bandadois* (Geleia Geral – GEGE); **Dave Holland & Pepe Habichuela:**

Hands (Dare2); **Konono No 1: Assume Crash Position** (Crammed); **Ballaké Sissoko & Vincent Segal: Chamber Music** (Universal France); **Shira U'fila: Bivindo En Kantando / Life As A Song** (Fréa).

Orchestre Poly-Rythmo De Cotonou: Echos Hypnotiques 1969-1979 (Vol. 2) (Analog Africa); **Various: Classic Protest Songs** (Smithsonian Folkways); **Various: Ethiopiques 24: Golden Years Of Modern Ethiopian Music** (Buda); **Various: Panama! 3** (Soundway).

Laurel Swift

Folk activist

Bellowhead: Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version (Navigator); **Andy Cutting: Andy Cutting** (Lane Records); **Seth Lakeman: Hearts And Minds** (Relentless); **Methera: Live** (own label).

Malcolm Taylor

Librarian, WVML

Bellowhead: Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version (Navigator); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson: Gift** (Topic); **Fay Field: The Looking Glass** (Topic); **Tommy McCarthy: Round Top Wagon** (ITCD); **Jim Moray: In Modern History** (NIAG); **Chris Wood: Handmade Life** (R.U.F.).

May Bradley: May Bradley (Musical Traditions); **Joe Holmes & Len Graham: Here I Am Amongst You** (Cranagh Music); **Incredible String Band: The 5000 Spirits Of The Layers Of The Onion** (Fledg'ling); **A.L. Lloyd: An Evening With A.L. Lloyd** (Fellside).

Ian Telfer

Musician

The Abramson Singers: The Abramson Singers (White Whale); **Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara: The Trance Sessions** (Real World); **Cheikh Lo: Jamm** (World Circuit); **Emily Portman: The Glamoury** (Furrow); **Alasdair Roberts: Too Long In This Condition** (Navigator); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate: Ali And Toumani** (World Circuit).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: Once Upon A Time In Senegal (Sterns); **Various: Ghosts From The Basement** (Weekend Beatnik); **Various: More Miles Than Money** (Ace); **Various: Theme Time Radio Hour Season 3** (Ace).

Johannes Theurer

Radio presenter, co-ordinator of World Music Charts Europe, Music aggregator for EUROPENA

Natacha Atlas: Mounqaliba – In A State Of Reversal (World Village); **Herbie Hancock: The Imagine Project** (Universal); **Lokua Kanza: Nkolo** (World Village); **Los De Abajo: Actitud Calle** (Wrasse); **Maria Pomianowska & Friends: Chopin**

On 5 Continents (CM); **Carmen Souza: Verdade** (Galileo MC).

Various: Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010 (Sterns African); **Various: Comfusoos 1, From Angola To Brasil** (Outhere); **Various: Listen To The Banned** (Freemuse/Grappa); **Various: The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru** (Crammed / Barbes).

Jean Trouillet

Essay Recordings, radio DJ; writer, music lover

AfroCubism: AfroCubism (World Circuit); **Asmara All Stars: Eritrea's Got Soul** (Outhere); **Fat Freddy's Drop: Live At Roundhouse** (The Drop); **Hindi Zahra: Hand Made** (Blue Note); **Konono No 1: Assume Crash Position** (Crammed); **Ska Cubano: Mambo Ska** (Casinosounds).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: Once Upon A Time In Senegal (Sterns); **Various: Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010** (Sterns African); **Various: Django's Spirit: A Tribute to Django Reinhardt** (Trikont); **Various: Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2** (Strut).

Bill Trythall

Discovery Records (distribution)

The Carolina Chocolate Drops: Genuine Negro Jig (Nonesuch); **Frazey Ford: Obadiah** (Netzwerk); **Andy Irvine: Abocurragh** (AK/Claddagh); **Richard Thompson: Dream Attic** (Proper); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate: Ali And Toumani** (World Circuit); **Trembling Bells: Abandoned Love** (Honest Jon's).

Gino Bordin: Virtuouse De La Guitare Hawaïenne (Grass Skirt); **Incredible String Band: The 5000 Spirits Of The Layers Of The Onion** (Fledg'ling); **Various: American Yodelling 1911-46** (Trikont); **Various: Next Stop Soweto, Vol 2** (Strut).

Ahmet Ulug

Radio & promoter

Seu Jorge & Almaz: Seu Jorge & Almaz (); **Nneka: Concrete Jungle** (Decon); **Idrissa Soumaoro: Djitoumou** (Wrasse); **Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabate: Ali And Toumani** (World Circuit); **Hindi Zahra: Hand Made** (Blue Note).

Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: Once Upon A Time In Senegal (Sterns); **Various: Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia** (Soundways).

Guillaume Veillet

Folk music journalist and researcher, France

Abraham Inc: Tweet Tweet (Table Pounding Records); **Antti Paalanen: Breathbox** (SiBa); **Moussu T e lei Jovents: Putan De Cancon** (Le Chant Du

Monde); **Danyel Waro: Aou Amwin** (Cobalt); **Yom: Unue** (Buda Musique).

Alexandre Savignat & Antonin Pecoil: Violons du Cézallier 1946 (AEPPEM); **Dennis McGee: Himself** (Valcour); **Various Chansons Maritimes: A l'écoute des Grands Chanteurs de Tradition** (L'Autre Distribution); **Various: Île de Mayotte Musiques, Danses et Instruments Traditionnels** (Takamba).

Aimar Ventsel

Radio DJ

Asmara All Stars: Eritrea's Got Soul (Outhere); **Bongo Botrako: Todos Los Dias** (Kasba); **Axel Krygier: Pesebre** (Crammed); **Levellers: A Weapon Called The Word** (On The Fiddle); **Mabon: Live At The Grand Pavilion** (Easy On The Records); **Shutka: My Hometown** (Fosim).

Various: Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia (Soundways); **Various: The Roots Of Chicha, Vol 2: Psychedelic Cumbias From Peru** (Crammed / Barbes); **Various: The World Ends: Afro Rock & Psychedelia in 1970s Nigeria** (Soundway).

Caroline Walker

fRoots staff

Bellowhead: Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version (Navigator); **Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson: Gift** (Topic); **The Carolina Chocolate Drops: Genuine Negro Jig** (Nonesuch); **Cheikh Lo: Jamm** (World Circuit); **Amparo Sanchez: From Tucson To Havana** (Wrasse); **Cath & Phil Tyler: The Hind Wheels Of Bad Luck** (NO-FI Recordings).

Shirley Collins: Sweet England (Fledg'ling); **Étoile de Dakar feat. Youssou N'Dour: Once Upon A Time In Senegal** (Sterns); **Various: Folk Against Fascism Vol 1** (Folk Against Fascism); **Various: Ghosts From The Basement** (Weekend Beatnik).

Geoff Wallis

fRoots reviewer, occasional musician

Karen Casey & John Doyle: Exiles Return (Compass); **Stevie Dunne: About Time** (); **John McSherry: Soma** (Compass); **No Crows: On The Moon** (own label); **P.P. Slaggart: Down With Tyrants** (own label).

Vincent Campbell: The Purple Heather (Cairdeas na bhFidilíirí).

Alex Walter

WOMEX Music programming

Mariam Hassan: Shouka (Nubenegra); **Jim Moray: A Beginner's Guide** (NIAG); **Sexteto Tabalá de Palenque: Con un Solo Pie** (OM Producciones); **Wang Li: Sang's Dream** (Wang Li Music).

Various: Palenque Palenque Champeta Criolla & Afro Roots In Colombia (Soundways).

Kellie White

Radio producer

Bellowhead: Hedonism: Deluxe CD / DVD version (Navigator); **Coope, Boyes & Simpson: As If...** (No Masters); **Brian Finnegan: The Ravishing Genius Of Bones** (Singing Tree Music); **Natalie Merchant: Leave Your Sleep** (Nonesuch); **Damien O'Kane: Summer Hill** (Pure); **Heidi Talbot: The Last Star** (Navigator).

A.L. Lloyd: An Evening With A.L. Lloyd (Fellside); **Various: Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010** (Sterns African).

Zjakk Willems

Radio programme maker

DJ Tudo E Sua Gente de Todo Lugar: Nos Quintais Do Mundo (Independent); **Guizado: Calavera** (Trama Virtual); **Konono No 1: Assume Crash Position** (Crammed); **Kottarashky: Opa hey!** (Asphalt Tango); **Luisa Maita: Lero Lero** (Cumbancha); **Va Fan Fahre: Al wa' debt** (Zephyrus).

Segun Bucknor: Who Say I Tire (Vampisoul); **Axel Krygier: Pesebre** (Crammed); **Various: Nigeria Afrobeat Special: The New Explosive Sound in 1970s Nigeria** (Soundway); **Anibal Velasquez y Su Conjunto: Mambo Loco** (Analog Africa).

Kleszcz Włodzimierz

Radio DJ, record producer

IncarNations: Radio Retro (Kayax); **Lokua Kanza: Nkolo** (World Village); **Maria Pomianowska & Friends: Chopin On 5 Continents** (CM); **Idrissa Soumaoro: Djitoumou** (Wrasse).

Tabu Ley Rochereau: The Voice Of Lightness Vol 2 (Sterns Africa); **Various: Looking For A New England 2: The Other Traditions** (fRoots); **Various: Music From** (Caprice); **Various: Sound Of The World Presents Anywhere On This Road** (Compiled By Charlie Gillett (Warner Classics & Jazz)).

Lennart Wretlind

Radio DJ on Swedish Radio

AfroCubism: AfroCubism (World Circuit); **Laurie Anderson: Homeland** (Nonesuch); **Aynur: Rewend** (Arista); **Céu: Vagarosa** (Six Degrees); **Ian King: Panic Grass And Feverfew** (); **Hindi Zahra: Hand Made** (Blue Note).

Various: Africa – 50 Years Of Music: 50 Years Of Independence 1960-2010 (Sterns African); **Various: Beginner's Guide To Asia** (Nascente); **Various: Rough Guide To The Music Of Afghanistan** (Rough Guides); **Various: Theme Time Radio Hour With Your Host Bob Dylan Box Set** (Ace).