

# GUENSBLOG TOP 5 - MUSIC 2008

*So here's the list of lists, part 1 category music.*

I'm not a friend of rankings, but of good old 'best-of' lists like in Nick Hornby's book "High Fidelity". Actually it's a good method to fall asleep thinking about new top 5 categories (especially for insomniac guys like me).

This year there are a lot of categories with different numbers of artists named. So less sleep means more categories. ☐

Here we go... this is a personal list of music favourites this year. Primarily but not only pretty new stuff.

## Tracks of '08

**In Trains** (Angst is not a weltanschauung/CD 2008) by B. Fleischmann

**Free the Dogs** (Loving Custodians/CD 2007) by Mauracher

**Sunday** (Colour The Small One/2004) by SIA

**Leucocyte I-IV** (Leucocyte/2008) by e.s.t.

**All Alright** (Með suð í eyrum við spilum endalaust) by Sigur Ros

**If Only** (Distance and Time 2007) by Fink

**Best Album 2008**

**Leucocyte** by e.s.t.

**The Seldom Seen Kid** by Elbow

**Angst is not a weltanschauung** by B. Fleischmann

**Með suð í eyrum við spilum endalaust** by Sigur Ros

**Loving Custodians** by Mauracher

**Vantage Point** by dEUs

**Best Concerts 2008**

**Sigur Ros @ Arena July**

**Fink @ frantz Berlin October**

**dEUs @ Arena Vienna October**

**Fennesz & Stroenen @ Jazzfestival Saalfelden August**

**Connie Vallon @ Porgy & Bess Vienna March**

**Personal "Torture Music" 2008**

**I Kissed a Girl** by Katie Perry – (approx. 10x in a row Saturdays and Sundays – thank you neighbor)

**All Summer Long** by Kid Rock (all summer loooooooooooooong)

**Last Christmas** by Wham (it's not my mistake that this song is played everywhere exactly the time these lists have to be written...)

**Best Songs in Running Shoes 2008**

**Wonderboy** by Tenacious D.

Winter (What We Never Were After All) by Múm  
Life in Technicolor ii (!) by Coldplay  
Mistaken for Strangers by The National  
I Will Possess Your Heart ( Narrow Stairs/CD 2008) by Death Cab for Cutie  
Best "Help Me Falling Asleep Songs" 2008 (in a positive way)

Moss Mountain Town by The Album Leaf (like in '06 and '07)  
All Alright by Sigur Ros  
Ajar by e.s.t  
Best "Hey nice shoes, wanna dance?" Songs 2008

Overpowered by Roisin Murphy  
Mr. Big Love by Didi Bruckmayr  
Slow by dEUs  
Best "Happy Pepi" Songs 2008 (no translation on dict.leo.org)

How the Day Sounds by Greg Laswell  
One Day Like This by Elbow  
Inní mér syngur vitleysingur by Sigur Ros  
Best "Wow! Never Heard Before – Artist" 2008

Jerseyband – live @ Jazzfestival Saalfelden  
Martin Klein live @ VOTO 08 Die GRÜNEN/Klub Ost  
Efterklang live @ Arena February 08  
Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly  
Best "Still Quite on Top on Itunes Lists" in 2008

Have You Seen Here by Cousteau  
Bad Timing by dEUs  
Here It Comes by Doves (new album April 09!!!)  
Fading maid Preludium by e.s.t.  
We Shall Overcome by Gustav  
Hijomalind by Sigur Ros  
Music by Mauracher featuring the unforgettable voice of Duncan Larkin  
For all friends of lists like that have a look at [Metacritics.com](http://Metacritics.com)

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## EDIT (30.12.2008): Bonustracks to the '08 best of music lists

*The good thing with Christmas holidays is that there is time for listening to music one might have missed during the year. Actually that's why it's useful to read the "best of lists" in newspapers, blogs etc. So here are some further final recommendations of 2008 releases:*

Unkle – End Titles... Stories for Film: Only for people in favor of pathetic music. Some tracks are great stuff like Nocturnal or Chemical featuring Josh Homme. The CD is a kind of collection of different music by James Lavelle for movies, games etc.

radio.string.quartet.vienna feat. Klaus Paier – Radiotree: Saw them @ Porgy & Bess some days ago. Excellent musicians, very good string arrangements. The accordion and bandoneon of Klaus Paier fits perfectly to radio.string.quartet.vienna, which made a great debut CD 'celebrating the mahavishnu orchestra'. I'm not a friend of all sorts of crossover projects, but this one is worth listening.

Fennesz – Black Sea. Metacritic.com top 2008 ranked the album of Austrian electronic musician Christian Fennesz on nr. 12 – quite a sensation. It's a brilliant album – no doubt about that. Needs some replays to get into one or the other track.

Alex Machacek: I somehow rediscover Alex' music during Christmas holidays and I simply don't get it out of my mp3 playlists having some winterruns. Alex Machacek is a fantastic jazz/fusion guitar player from Austria who now successfully works and lives in Los Angeles. After the release of the great Improvisation album in 2007 there is now a 2008 release of "The official Triangle Sessions" with Alex Machacek, Jeff Sipe and Neal Fountain (Abstract Logix). This music is not only performed with technical virtuosity, but the compositions are somehow warm and passionate, too. John Mc Laughlin writes: "Alex Machacek's music starts where other music ends."

So that's it with music for 2008 – we're now looking forward to 2009.