

# GUENSBLOG TOP 5 - MUSIC 2010

*Last year I failed to write a "Best of 2009" posting (after starting in 2008). 2009 was not a good year concerning new music releases. 2010 – much better!*

So I again follow the TOP 5 list principle inspired by Nick Hornby's book "High Fidelity" and allow myself to integrate one or the other link & hint. Of course this list is completely personal.

So here we go:

## **TOP 5: TRACK OF THE YEAR**

Not easy to choose. A lot of tracks of the Top Album list (see below) could be in this list, too.

**Stand Still** by The Album Leaf  
**Five Little Rooms** by Menomena  
**5 Steps/7 Swords** by Get Well Soon  
**Blood Buzz Ohio** by The National  
**In This Shirt** by The Irrepressibles

This song is not new (written for a soundtrack – I think – in 2008), but it was released in this year's debut album "Mirror Mirror" by the great band project The Irrepressibles. And well, it's my song of the year. Something that will stay for a longer period of time.

## **TOP 5: ALBUM OF THE YEAR**

Again, a tough decision. I felt absolute sure about the first three ones in this list. Fantastic albums. But there are so many other good releases (just to mention examples... Efterklang, The Miserable Rich, I am Kloot, some Jazz albums etc. etc.), but I picked two surprises at the end of that list.

**Mines** by Menomena  
**Total Life Forever** by Foals  
**A Chorus of Storytellers** by The Album Leaf  
**The Morning After** by James  
**I'm New Here** by Gil Scott Heron

Picked out of The Album Leaf Live Video from their Vienna Gig (thanks to LocalHero who's providing some really good live videos on Youtube). Also see concert list below.

## **TOP 5: RUNNING SHOES PLAYLIST**

**Blood Buzz Ohio** by The National  
**Me and the Devil** by Gil Scott Heron

**Alter Ego** by Markus Kienzl (released in 2009 on Markus Kienzl's album Density)

**SDP** by The Kissaway Trail (inspired by their gig at Arena supporting The National)

**Winter Hill** by Doves (released on my album of the year 2009 "Kingdom of Rust" by Doves)

**TOP 5: FADEOUT SONGS (before falling asleep)**

**Blank Pages** by The Album Leaf

**Emerald and Stone** by Brian Eno

**The Same Shoes** by I am Kloot

**The Mouth of the Wolf** by The Miserable Rich

**Epilog (Streichquartett in G-Moll)** by Julian Maas & Christoph M. Kaiser (Soundtrack "This is Love" in 2009)

**TOP 5: CONCERTS**

Unfortunately I missed Memomena, Get Well Soon and Foals...

**The Album Leaf** – Szene Wien 9.3.2010 (video above)

**Speak** – JazzFestival Saalfelden 26.-28.9.2010

(Thanks for providing this and many other Saalfelden videos on Youtube to wotan667.)

Alex Machacek Trio with Herbert Pirker and Raphael Preusch – Porgy & Bess 7.9.



**The Miserable Rich** – Chelsea Wien 2.5.2010

**Jonsi** – Arena Wien 24.7.2010 Great performance, fantastic visual concept!!

This clip is promotional, but catches the atmosphere pretty well...

So, that's it for a great music year 2010.

2011 looks good, too. Watch out for the new releases by The Decemberists, Cake, Amos Lee (January), Bright Eyes, The Low Anthem, Radiohead... and some promising live appearances e.g. by (sensationally!!!) Godspeed You! Black Emperor (25.1. Arena), I Like Trains (26.1. Chelsea), Efterklang (March), ...trail of dead (April) and well, for all who share some memories on that... Judas Priest & Whitesnake will say hello & goodbye in June. Possibly the last

chance to see Priest on tour. In case you care. I do. ☐