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Top Three Albums of 2008

Andrew Hung:

1. **Marnie Stern:** *This Is It and I Am It and You Are It and So Is That and He Is It and She Is It and It and This Is That*—I was a big fan of her first album and this one is more refined and more generous. Really good. I've only been listening to it for a few days though, but I like it very much.
2. **Alexander Tucker:** *Portal*—The new album is his poppiest yet, that is, Alex in a happy mood. Warmth protrudes.
3. **Caribou:** *Andorra*—A focused body of work, complete both in intention and execution.

Top Five Albums of 2008

Benjamin John Power:

1. **Growing:** *All the Way*
2. **Portishead:** *Third*
3. **Atlas Sound:** *Let the Blind Lead Those Who Can See But Cannot Feel*
4. **No Age:** *Nouns*
5. **Indian Jewelry:** *Free Gold!*

What was the highlight of 2008 either for you personally or for the band?

Andrew: 2008 has been such a mental year. When I die, I imagine the majority of my flashbacks will be taken from this year. The one thing that springs to mind is Primavera.

What was the low point of 2008 for you?

Andrew: The complete change in my life has brought with it new emotional anxieties, which I've had to learn to deal with, i.e. it's been up and down, a roller coaster ride etc. The low points were literally the low points.

What are your hopes and plans for 2009?

Andrew: To fully comprehend myself in these new surroundings. I'm very much looking ahead!

How have 2008's technology/Web/music industry developments affected your plans for recording, releasing, and promoting your music? What are your thoughts on the way that certain notable albums are being released digitally first, months before the physical CDs hit stores?

Andrew: I think we're in a very interesting interim, where anything goes. It's exciting to be a part of it.

What album, classic or current, would you like to hear performed in its entirety by the band that recorded it?

Andrew: Nurse with Wound: *Salt Marie Celeste*, on a big ship out in the middle of the ocean with only a handful of people in the audience.

If you were President, what would be the first three things that you'd do once entering office?

Andrew: Legalize, recognize, officialize.

If you could live as an adult in any other period in history, which period and location would you pick and why?

Andrew: I'm really happy right now, so I wouldn't choose anywhere. However, if I had to, I guess I would choose to be Benjamin John Power because he's got a similar life to me.

Who would you want to star/direct a movie about your life? What would the tagline on the poster be?

Andrew: Chow Yun Fat in

TOP 50 ALBUMS

BEST OF 2008



11
TV on the Radio
Dear Science
(Interscope)



12
Deerhunter
Microcastle
(Kronos)



13
Plants and Animals
Pare Avenue
(Secret City)



14
Jenny Lewis
Acid Tongue
(Warner Bros.)



15
Neon Neon
Stainless Style
(Lex)



16
Okkervil River
The Stand Ins
(Jagjaguwar)



17
No Age
Nouns
(Sub Pop)



18
R.E.M.
Accelerate
(Warner Bros.)



19
Bon Iver
For Emma, Forever Ago
(Jagjaguwar)



20
Death Cab for Cutie
Narrow Stairs
(Arista)



21
Love Is All
A Hundred Things Keep Me Up at Night
(What's Your Rapture?)



22
British Sea Power
Do You Like Rock Music?
(Rough Trade)



23
Lykke Li
Youth Novels
(LL Recordings)



24
Black Mountain
In the Future
(Jagjaguwar)



25
Tindersticks
The Hungry Saw
(Constellation)



26
Jamie Lidell
Jim
(Warp)



27
Goldplay
Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends
(Capitol)



28
Hercules and Love Affair
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(Mute/DFA)



29
Pop Levi
Never Never Love
(Creative)



30
Frances
All the While
(Gigant)



31
Goldfrapp
Seventh Tree
(Mute)



32
Fujiya & Miyagi
Lightbulbs
(Dead Dumb + Blind)



33
Spiritualized
Songs in A&E
(Fantasy International/Spyman)



34
My Morning Jacket
Evil Urges
(ATO)



35
Girl Talk
Feed the Animals
(Illegal Art)



36
The Walkmen
You & Me
(Gigant)



37
Noah and the Whale
Peaceful, the World Lays Me Down
(Interscope)



38
Of Montreal
Skeletal Lamping
(Polyvinyl)



39
Beck
Modern Guilt
(Geffen)



40
Ladytron
Velocifero
(Network)



41
Niek Cave and The Bad Seeds
Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!!
(Anti-)



42
Fuck Buttons
Street Horrrsing
(ATP)



43
Jim Noir
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(Barok)



44
School of Language
Sea from Shore
(Thrill Jockey)



45
Hot Chip
Made in the Dark
(Astralwerks/DFA)



46
Frida Hyöven
Silence Is Wild
(Secretly Canadian)



47
The Week That Was
The Week That Was
(Memphis Industries)

