

# 1 - SHANE MacGOWAN & THE POPES - Christmas Lullaby

Shane's other Christmas song, 1996.

## 2 - BALLSY - omg it's christmas

Isabelle Banos plays synth-bass in Montreal's '80s retro popsters Caveboy but has started putting out tasty solo cuts under the Ballsy moniker.

#### 3 - IMOGEN CLARK - I Got Dumped for Christmas

Australian Imogen is no stranger to groovy Christmas cuts. There's a brand new one out that she wrote with StuDome vet Steve Poltz but this one's from last year.

# 4 - BUNNYGRUNT - All I Got for Christmas Was This Lousy Boy

St. Louis twee core combo who have been releasing occaisional Christmas songs for nearly 30 years. A bunch of them were compiled last year on Seasoned Freaklings.

#### 5 - SHARKS & MINNOWS - It's Christmas, and You Hate Christmas

Brand new Xmas single from this Atlanta, GA combo.

#### 6 - THE HAPPY SOMETHINGS - The Present

Some cuts, like this one, on this UK band's Christmas album *Don't Mention It* are conceptually re-gifted but that kinda makes perfect sense, especially for this song.

# 7 - HENRY WINKLER - Holiday Message

Hey - it's Gene Cousineau!

#### 8 - HILLBILLY CASINO - Santabilly Boogie

Christmas Iovin' rockabilly cats from Nashville.

# 9 - BOO RAY & ELIZABETH COOK - All Strung Out Like Christmas Lights

For Beautiful outlaw people only, From 2018.

## 10 - THE DAVIS SISTERS - The Christmas Boogie

The unrelated Davis', Betty Jack and Skeeter, started putting out singles in 1952. This gem is from 1954.

#### 11 - ELLIOTT BROOD - Santa is Real

The Louvin Brothers are turning over in their graves.

# 12 - PEARL JAM - Don't Believe in Christmas

From '91 to '18. Pearl Jam issued fan club Xmas singles. This cover of The Sonics' 1965 classic is from 2002.

# 13 - RALPHIE'S RED RYDERS - Triple Dog Dare

A Hohman, IN outfit that writes exclusively A Christmas Story related songs. They don't want your Tinker Toys.

# 14 - THE VOLCANICS - Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Surfin' Santas from nearly Bruce Springsteen's hometown, Freehold Township, NJ.

#### 15 - THE ORNAMENTS - Mary & Joseph

NEXT year - The Ornaments, LIVE at the StuDome. Count on it.

#### 16 - DAVE McEATHRON - Gilbert, the Christmas Disco Weasel

Going through all our Christmas decorations this year, we found sacks of unwanted yule crap. We set up 2 heeping tables out front to give it all away and at the end of the day only 5 items were left. One of them was this year's cover boy, Gilbert. There he was, all bright and rhinestone studded, ready to spread joy and no one cared. Gilbert broke hearts all over social media and one of those hearts belonged to Dave McEathron, ex-of StuDome faves, The Warped 45s. Dave graciously gifted us this exclusive track (mixed and bass-ed by fellow 45 Bryan Butler) and Gilbert is now happy, back where he belongs, in his eternal annual spot atop The StuDome Christmas tree.

#### 17 - KELLY FINNIGAN - No Time to Be Sad

The heart of The Monophonics released A Joyful Sound a couple years ago. Best original Xmas LP in ages.

#### 18 - THE DELINES - Christmas in Atlantis

"Merry Christmas From the Family", soul mix. Pairs great with episode 6, season 2 of *The Bear*.

# 19 - JOE TEX - I'll Make Everyday Christmas (For My Woman)

1967 chestnut recorded in Memphis with the great Bobby Emmons and Reggie Young.

#### 20 - NIKKI LANE - Falalalalove Ya

# 21 - NIKKI LANE - TwangTrust Christmas Greeting

One of my top 5 gigs this year was seeing Nikki at the Minnesota State Fair.

# 22 - THE BANDANA SPLITS - It's a Lonely Night for Mrs. Claus

This retro harmony trio from Brooklyn are regulars at the MOMA tree lighting party. Their *Happy Holidays* album is straighter fare than we usually go for around here but it's just too dang merry not to love.

#### 23 - SOPHIE GAULT - Christmas in the Psych Ward

Sophie's great debut LP Delusions of Grandeur came out in 2021. This one is brand new.

# 24 - JEFF TWEEDY, SARAH JAROSZ, THE STAVES & THE PUNCH BROTHERS - Fairvtale of New York

\* s i g h \* Yes, THE verse is missing on this 2017 live recording from New York City, but you can really feel the love flowing here. Thanks, Shane.



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