

1 - Rose Cousins - Christmas Time Is Here

One of 2012's brightest lights made a Christmas album benefiting Maritime food banks back in 2007 with fellow East Coasters Jill Barber and Meaghan Smith, called " A New Kind Of Light."

2 - Jim Bryson & Oh Susanna - TwangTrust Christmas ID

3 - Jim Bryson - Mary New Year's Eve

From Jim's brand new Instant Holiday Album, completed mere days ago...

4 - Gary U.S. Bonds - We Wish You A Merry Christmas

"Christmas is On!" is brand new in 2012 for this E Street neighbor.

5 - JD McPherson - Twinkle

Rockin' R&B isn't dead yet! 2012 brought us a gem in this new Okie rock'n'roller.

6 - Scott Kempner - Merry Xmas, Baby!

We still prefer the original '84 Del-Lords demo (found on 2003's Xmas disc) but this refurbished bonus track from last year's re-ish of Scott's classic "Tenement Angels" sounds mighty swell.

7 - Trailer Trash - Reindeer Love

From the Twin Cities finest honkytonkers 2011 Xmas album (their THIRD!), "Nutcrackers".

8 - The Sweetback Sisters - The Christmas Boogle

If you buy one new Christmas album this year, make sure it's the Sisters' "Country Chistmas Singalong Spectacular," A truly solid album all the way through.

9 - Dropkick Murphys - The Season's Upon Us

From the Dropkicks upcoming 2013 album "Signed & Sealed in Blood."

10 - Vern Gosdin - Santa's Driving a Chevrolet

Thanks to Will Western Sr. for hepping us to this honky tonk gem from The Voice. Recorded in 2008 just one year before we lost this lifelong friend to the Byrds.

11 - The Sweetback Sisters - Nine Days of Christmas

One more old-timey, though schtick-free, number from our fave Xmas album of the year.

12 - Lindi Ortega - Blue Christmas

Easily the most played artist this year on TwangTrust. Here's one from Lindi's "Tennessee Christmas" EP. We'll see you at the Park Theatre on Valentine's Day!

13 - Shovels & Rope - O' Be Joyful

This song mentions Jesus and "wrapping up." That makes it a Christmas song, doesn't it? Title track to one of 2012's best.

14 - Starlings, TN - The Holidaze

A brand new Xmas 7" from these always intriguing Appalachians.

15 - The Shuffle Demons - Father Hipness

The B-side to the Demons' 1987 "Jingle Bells" 7". B-sides are always the way to go at Xmastime.

16 - Jay Brannan - Dear Santa

From Nettwerk Records new 2012 Xmas comp, "Isn't The World Enough?".

17 - Florence Dore - Christmas

Covered wonderfully in 1996 by Boston's Fuzzy as well as The Posies, this 2002 Eric Ambel-produced recording is by the song's actual author.

18 - Hev Rosetta! - Carry Me Home

From their latest EP "A Cup of Kindness Yet."

19 - Ohbijou - Last Christmas

It's not Christmas without some ethereal melt-inyour-mouth power pop goodness. Canada's own.

20 - Kepi Ghoulie - Christmas On Zombie Island

No Christmas episode of The Walking Dead this year so this will have to do.

21 - Hatcher-Briggs - Every Day Will Be Like a Holiday

Winnipeg's first-family of rock'n'roll have been covering this William Bell chestnut for many years, but they just got around to recording it in 2011.

22 - Great Lake Swimmers - Hang A String of Lights

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23 - Too Much Joy - Ruby Left a Present Underneath The Christmas Tree

The only rock'n'roll band in history to be sued by Bozo The Clown! Reunion 7" from the early '00's.

24 - **The Yule Logs - Athiest Serf Holiday**The hardest working band in snow business! This SoCal band only exists at Christmas time. They have a new "Double Live" LP out this year, but this is from last year's "You Ruined Christmas!"

25 - Grace Potter & the Nocturnals - Naughty Naughty Children

26 - Husker Du - We Wish You A Merry Christmas

From a 1996 promo-only cassette tape!