

TOP OF THE WORLD

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01

Brasses for the masses
DŽAMBO AGUŠEVI ORCHESTRA



06

SUNNY JAIN
'Crazy Horse'

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From *Brasses for the Masses* on Asphalt Tango

The potent urgency and exemplary skill of classic Romani brass band culture writ large, bountifully infused with styles ranging from Delta blues to ska. **See p48**

06 Sunny Jain
'Baaghi'

From *Wild Wild East* on Smithsonian Folkways Recordings

One of the leading figures in North America's burgeoning Asian music scene offers galloping spaghetti western grooves and Punjabi folk drums. Bhangra meets psych rock. **See p61**



02

Antti Paalanen
'Rujo'



07

Leela Gilday
'Elä'

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From *Rujo* on Rockadillo Records

Irresistibly thrilling wild-child accordion from Finland, topped with Paalanen's fiery, near-feral growl. Earthy and urgent sounds, recommended to devotees of Kimmo Pohjonen. **See p51**

07 Leela Gilday
'Rolling Thunder'

From *North Star Calling* on Diva Sound Records

The Canadian Dené singer-songwriter has the ability to instantly transport the listener to a vast land of powerful rivers, magnetic minerality and abundant stars reflected upon infinite lakes. **See p47**



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Siti Muharam
'Pakistan'



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'Highway to Warrington'

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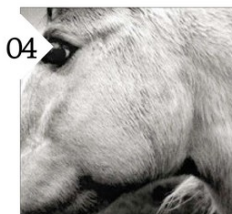
From *Siti of Unguja* on OnTheCorner

Muharam's voice brims with power and grace. Together with her group she takes the great Zanzibari *taarab* legacy to another level, imbuing traditional tropes with subtle electronics. **See p42**

08 Sam Sweeney
'Highway to Warrington'

From *Unearth Repeat* on Hudson Records

England's premiere folk fiddler takes a trip to Cheshire as part of a peppy and perfectly formed collection of traditional and original tunes partly inspired by country walks and car journeys. **See p52**



04

Bonny Light Horseman
'The Roving'



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Danyèl Waro
'N'in Zour'

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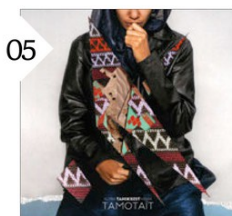
From *Bonny Light Horseman* on 31003d

From a set of British ballads transmogrified into American traditions comes this jewel of unrequited love, sung with a surefire case of the feels by Anaïs Mitchell. **See p58**

09 Danyèl Waro
'N'in Zour'

From *Tinn Tout* on Cabalt

The international ambassador of *maloya*, Danyèl Waro possesses one of the outstanding voices in African music today. He has a way of hitting the ear that directly touches the soul. **See p44**



05

Tamikrest
'Awnafin'



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Akbaba İkilisi
'Darıldım Darıldım'

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From *Tamotait* on Glitterbeat Records

These Touareg guitar titans venture far out beyond the confines of earthly dunes, setting their controls for more cosmic climes and delivering a desert prog-rock. A Saharan Pink Floyd? **See p43**

10 Akbaba İkilisi
'Darıldım Darıldım'

From *Uzelli Elektro Saz 1976-1984* on Uzelli

Raw-as-sushi retro folk-fusion sourced directly from the expansive archives of Turkey's Uzelli label. Akbaba İkilisi offer a slinky and sultry sizzler, with oodles of bounce and groove. **See p57**