

THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2017

The Movies, Books, Theater, Concerts, CDs I Saw/Read In 2017

Updated December 31, 2017

KEY: star rating is on the four star scale meaning of "/" or "\"

*** is three stars out of four

***/ is three stars leaning towards 3 1/2

***\ is three stars leaning towards 2 1/2

BOOKS BOOKS

(Increasingly, I am sampling books, reading 10%, 20% even 40 or 50% before deciding to move on. The books below are only the ones I've read completely. That also explains what looks like generous grading -- more and more, if I sense a book is not going to be among my favorites, I stop reading. Too many books; too little time!)

- 1. The Book That Changed America by Randall Fuller ***
- 2. The Evenings by Gerard Reve (1956) (trans by Sam Garrett) ***/
- 3. Demon Vol. 2 by Jason Shiga ***
- 4. Decelerate Blue by Adam Rapp and Mike Cavallaro ** 1/2
- 5. Feed by M.T. Anderson (2002) ***/
- 6. Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar ***
- 7. Robert B. Parker's Revelation by Robert Knott ** 1/2
- 8. The Stone Heart: The Nameless City Volume 2 by Faith Erin Hicks ***/
- 9. Round by Joyce Sidman and Taeeun Yoo **
- 10. Curious George Goes To The Hospital by Margaret and H.A. Rey; read by John Krazinski (1967) ** 1/2
- 11. Lincoln In The Bardo by George Saunders ****

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FAVORITE LINKS

Americablog

Five O'Clock Lightning baseball blog Deep Pop -- Lori Lakin's Blog

The Back Page -- Jason Page on ESPN Radio

Cine-Blog -- George Robinson's Blog

Documents On Art & Cinema - Daryl Chin's Blog

Brucie G's Wondrous Blog Of Adventure and Mystery -- Bruce Greenspan's Blog

BLOG ARCHIVE

- **2019** (7)
- **2018** (34)

- 12. Their Finest by Lissa Evans *** 1/2
- 13. Glass House: The 1% Economy and the Shattering Of The All-American Town by Brian Alexander ** 1/2
- 14. Direct Action by LA Kaufman ** 1/2
- 15. The Horseman by Tim Pears *** 1/2
- 16. Dear Ijeawele by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie **
- 17. The Wages of Sin by Kaite Welsh **
- 18. Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo ***
- 19. The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo ** 1/2
- 20. New York 2140 by Kim Stanley Robinson ***
- 21. Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier ** 1/2
- 22. We'll Always Have Casablanca by Noah Isenberg **
- 23. The Evangelicals by Frances Fitzgerald ***
- 24. The Road To Jonestown by Jeff Guinn ***
- 25. The End Of Eddy by Edouard Louis ** 1/2
- 26. Eight Flavors by Sarah Lohman
- 27. When The World Stopped To Listen by Stuart Isakoff ** 1/2
- 28. Otis Redding by Jonathan Gould ***/
- 29. Aliens: The World's Leading Scientists on the Search For Extra-

Terrestrial Life edited by Jim Al-khalili ***

- 30. Kintu by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi *** 1/2
- 31. The Absolutely True Adventures of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie *** 1/2
- 32. The Doorman's Repose by Chris Raschka *** 1/2
- 33. Grief Cottage by Gail Goodwin **
- 34. You Don't Have To Say You Love Me by Sherman Alexie *** 1/2
- 35. The Changeling by Victor LaValle ***
- 36. Quiet Until The Thaw by Alexandra Fuller ***/
- 37. New Thoughts by Wallace Shawn ***
- 38. The Adventures Of John Blake: Mystery Of the Ghost Ship by Philip Pullman and illos by Fre4d Fordham **
- 39. Spoonbenders by Daryl Gregory *** 1/2
- 40. The Last Cowboys Of San Geronimo by Ian Stansel ***
- 41. The Epiphany Machine by David Burr Gerrard ***/
- 42. The Unwomanly Face Of War by Svetlana Alexievich (1985) ****
- 43. Refugee by Alan Gratz ***
- 44. The Half-Drowned King by Linnea Hartsuyker ***/
- 45. Letters To his Neighbor by Marcel Proust, trans Lydia Davis **
- 46. Quakeland by Kathryn Miles ***
- 47. Mask Of Shadows by Linsey Miller **
- 48. Emily Of New Moon by L.M. Montgomery (1923) read before ** 1/2
- 49. An Alchemy of Masks and Mirrors by Curtis Craddock ** 1/2
- 50. The World Of Tomorrow by Brendan Matthews ***
- 51. Landscape With Invisible Hand by M.T. Anderson ***
- 52. Release by Patrick Ness ** 1/2
- 53. Born To Run by Bruce Springsteen *** 1/2
- 54. Paris In The Present Tense by Mark Helprin **
- 55. Call Me By Your Name by Andre Aciman *** 1/2
- 56. Righteous by Joe Ide ***
- 57. Reckless Daughter (Joni Mitchell bio) by David Yaffe ** 1/2
- 58. I Can't Breathe by Matt Taibbi *** 1/2

- **2017 2017 (6)**
 - **▼** May (1)

The Movies, Books, Theater, Concerts, CDs I Saw/Re...

- **►** March (2)
- ► February (2)
- ▶ January (1)
- **2016** (2)
- **2015** (14)
- **2014** (2)
- **2013** (5)
- **2012** (18)
- **2011** (15)
- **2010** (10)
- **▶** 2009 (43)
- **▶** 2008 (86)
- **2007** (781)
- **2006** (2412)
- **2005** (5)

- 59. Hank and Jim (Bio of Henry Fonda/Jimmy Stewart) by Scott Eyman ** 1/2
- 60. Murder On The Orient Express by Agatha Christie (1934) ** 1/2
- 61. The Secret Of Nightingale Wood by Lucy Strange *** 1/2
- 62. Autumn Term by Antonia Forest (1948) ****
- 63. Genius and Discovery: Five Historical Miniatures by Stefan Zweig ***
- 64. The Book Of Dust Volume One: La Belle Sauvage by Philip Pullman ***
- 65. Triumph and Disaster: Five Historical Miniatures by Stefan Zweig ***
- 66. Mrs. Caliban by Rachel Ingalls (1982) *** 1/2
- 67. Quick Curtain by Alan Melville (1934) ** 1/2
- 68. The Girl in The Tower by Katherine Arden *** 1/2
- 69. The Stowaway by Laurie Gwen Shapiro ** 1/2
- 70. Pachinko by Min Jin Lee *** 1/2
- 71. Smoketown by Mark Whitaker ***
- 72. Global Discontents by Noam Chomsky; interviews w David Barsamian
- 73. The Winter Station by Jody Shields ** 1/2
- 74. The Great Jazz and Pop Vocal Albums by Will Friedwald *** 1/2

emphasis on the ones I like, so don't think I love everything I listen to -- I just don't bother really listening to the ones I don't)

- 1. Neil Diamond -- Stones (1971) ***
- 2. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers -- Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers (1976) ***
- 3. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers -- You're Gonna Get It! (1978) ** $1\!/2$
- 4. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers -- Damn The Torpedoes! (1979) *** 1/2
- 5. John Mayer -- The Search For Everything ep Wave One ***/
- 6. Rose Elinor Dougall -- Stellular ** 1/2
- 7. Bones -- Disgrace ***
- 8. Bernhoft -- The Morning Comes ep ** 1/2
- 9. The Go-Betweens -- Quiet Heart/Best Of (2012) *** 1/2
- 10. Kasey Chambers -- Dragonfly *** 1/2
- 11. Neil Diamond -- I'm Glad You're Here With Me Tonight (1977) **
- 12. Anderson.paak -- Malibu (2016) ***/
- 13. Ryan Adams -- Prisoner ***
- 14. The Go-Betweens -- Send Me A Lullaby ((1996) **
- 15. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers -- Hard Promises (1981) *** 1/2
- 16. Various Artists -- Songs Of Lennon and McCartney (UK) ** 1/2
- 17. Everly Brothers -- mixtape EB CD Burnwood *** 1/2
- 18. Jason Falkner -- mixtape Burnwood *** 1/2

- 19. The Sadies -- Northern Passage ** 1/2
- 20. Son Volt -- Bolts Of Blue ***
- 21. Tift Merritt -- Stitch Of The World ** 1/2
- 22. Chris Thile and Brad Mehldau -- Chris Thile and Brad Mehldau ** 1/2
- 23. Mac Wiseman -- I Sang The Song ***/
- 24. Chuck Prophet -- Bobby Fuller Died For Your Sins ***
- 25. Dinah Washington -- A Bouquet Of Hits **
- 26. Cream -- Fresh Cream (1966) **
- 27. The Delfonics -- La La Means I Love You (1968) **
- 28. R.E.M. -- Green (1988) ***/
- 29. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers -- Long After Dark (1982) *** 1/2
- 30. The John Sally Ride -- A New Set Of Downs *** 1/2
- 31. Various Artists Southern Soul Crate *** 1/2
- 32. The Feelies -- In Between ***/
- 33. Chip Taylor -- A Song I Can Live With ** 1/2
- 34. The Haley Sisters -- Always By My Side * 1/2
- 35. John Mayer -- The Search For Everything Wave Two ep ***/
- 36. Oleta Adams -- Third Set * 1/2
- 37. Jim Lauderdale -- London Southern ** 1/2
- 38. Laura Nyro -- New York Tendaberry (1969) **
- 39. Alison Krauss -- Windy City ***
- 40. Lowland Hum -- Thin **
- 41. Charlie Finn -- P.S. I'm Gay-ish * 1/2
- 42. Eliza Carthy -- Big Machine ***
- 43. Jens Lekman -- Life Will See You Now **
- 44. Dan Baird -- So Low ** 1/2
- 45. Albert King -- The Big Blues (1962) *** 1/2
- 46. Brent Cash -- The New High **
- 47. Various Artists -- Roll Columbia: Woody Guthrie's 26 Northwest Songs
- 48. Bob Dylan -- Triplicate *** 1/2
- 49. Doris Day -- Day By Day (1956) ****
- 50. Chris Stapleton -- From A Room Vol. 1 *** 1/2
- 51. Nina Simone -- Nina Simone And Piano (1969) ****
- 52. Doris Day -- Day By Night (1957) ****
- 53. Blossom Dearie -- My Gentleman Friend (1961) *** 1/2
- 54. Anita O'Day -- Sings The Winners (1958) ****
- 55. Dan Auerbauch -- Waiting On A Song **
- 56. John Mayer -- The Search For Everything (album) ** 1/2
- 57. Kay Starr -- I Cry By Night (1962) *** 1/2
- 58. The Mavericks -- Brand New Day ***/
- 59. Dear Evan Hansen original cast album ** 1/2
- 60. Harry Styles -- Harry Styles ** 1/2
- 61. Nat King Cole -- Songs From "St. Louis Blues" (1958) ****
- 62. Nat King Cole -- After Midnight (1957)
- 63. Jack Teagarden -- Think Well Of Me (1962) *** 1/2
- 64. Tiny Tim -- God Bless Tiny Tim (1968) *** 1/2
- 65. Tiny Tim -- Tiny Tim's 2nd Album (1968) ***
- 66. Louis Armstrong -- Meets Oscar Peterson (1957) ****
- 67. Doris Day and Robert Goulet -- Annie Get Your Gun (1963) ****
- 68. Margaret Whiting -- Sings The Jerome Kern Songbook (1960) *** 1/2

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69. Eydie Gormé and Steve Lawrence -- Sing The Golden Hits (1960) **
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- 70. Royal Blood -- Royal Blood **
- 71. Steve Earle -- So You Wanna Be An Outlaw ***
- 72. Glen Campbell -- Adios ***
- 73. Jason Isbell -- The Nashville Sound ***/
- 74. Billy Eckstine -- Billy's Best (1958) *** 1/2
- 75. Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong -- Bing and Satchmo (1960) ***
- 76. Bobby Short -- Bobby Short (1956) ****
- 77. Bobby Troup -- Sings Johnny Mercer (1955) *** 1/2
- 78. Lambert, Hendricks and Ross -- Sing A Song Of Basie (1957) *** 1/2
- 79. Fleet Foxes -- Crack-Up ***
- 80. Sufjan Stevens, Nico Muhly and James McAllister -- Planetarium ** 1/2
- 81. Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie -- Lindsey

Buckingham/Christine McVie ** 1/2

- 82. Jimmy Scott -- The Source (1969) *** 1/2
- 83. Todd Rundgren -- White Knight ** 1/2
- 84. Chuck Berry -- Chuck * 1/2
- 85. Gorillaz -- Humanz ***
- 86. H.E.R. -- Volume 2 ** 1/2
- 87. Kendrick Lamar -- Damn ** 1/2
- 88. Lorde -- Melodrama ***/
- 89. Ray Davies -- Americana ** 1/2
- 90. Robyn Hitchcock -- Robyn Hitchcock ** 1/2
- 91. Roger Waters -- Is This The Life We Really Want? ** 1/2
- 92. Songhoy Blues -- Resistance ** 1/2
- 93. Steely Dan -- Two Against Nature (2000) ** 1/2
- 94. Big Boi -- Boomiverse ** 1/2
- 95. Brockhampton -- Saturation **
- 96. Sarah Vaughan -- Sarah Vaughan aka Sarah Vaughan with Clifford

Brown (1954) *** 1/2

- 97. Tinariwen -- Elron ** 1/2
- 98. Les Amazones d'Afriques -- Republique Amazone **
- 99. Joan Shelley -- Joan Shelley ***
- 100. Willie Nelson -- God's Problem Child ***
- 101. Diana Krall -- Turn Up The Quiet ***
- 102. Various Artists -- Baby Driver soundtrack *** 1/2
- 103. Preservation Hall Jazz Band -- So It Is ***/
- 104. Van Halen MCMLXXXIV **
- 105. Marvin Gaye -- Midnight Love (1982) **
- 106. Run D.M.C. -- Run D.M.C. (1984) *** 1/2
- 107. Daryl Hall -- Sacred Songs (1980) ***/
- 108. Dick Haymes -- Rain Or Shine (1955) ****
- 109. Dick Haymes -- Moondreams (1957) *** 1/2
- 110. Judy Garland -- Judy In Love (1958) *** 1/2
- 111. John Moreland -- Big Bad Luv *** 1/2
- 112. Luther Vandross -- The Night I Fell In Love (1985) ***
- 113. Elton John -- Goodbye Yellow Brick Road (1973) *** 1/2
- 114. Haim -- Something To Tell You ** 1/2
- 115. Brad Paisley -- Love and War ***
- 116. Sade -- Diamond Life (1984) *** 1/2
- 117. Rev Sekou -- In Times Like These **

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118. Johnny Hartman -- Songs From The Heart (1955) *** 1/2
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- 119. Chronixx -- Chronology ***
- 120. Bobby Troup -- Bobby Swings Tenderly (1957) **
- 121. John Moreland -- In The Throes (2013) *** 1/2
- 122. The Specials -- The Specials (1979) ***/
- 123. Sade -- Promise (1985) *** 1/2
- 124. Sampha -- Process ***
- 125. Angaleena Presley -- Wrangled **
- 126. LL Cool J -- Radio (1985) ** 1/2
- 127. Low Cut Connie -- Dirty Pictures **
- 128. Zephanaiah Ohora -- This Highway **
- 129. Cafe Tacuba -- Jei Beibi ** 1/2
- 130. Captain Beefheart -- Doc At the Radar Station (1980) *** 1/2
- 131. Garland Jeffrey -- 14 Steps To Harlem **
- 132. Rhiannon Giddens -- Freedom Highway **
- 133. Japanese Breakfast -- Soft Sounds From Another Planet **
- 134. Sheer Mag -- Need To Feel Your Love * 1/2
- 135. Scott Nolan -- Silverhill **
- 136. Hall and Oates -- Abandoned Luncheonette (1973) *** 1/2
- 137. Declan McKenna -- What Do You Think About The Car? **
- 138. Johnny Hartman -- And I Thought About You (1959) ***
- 139. Arcade Fire -- Everything Now **
- 140. Stanton Moore -- With You In Mind *** 1/2
- 141. Natalie Hemby -- Puxico ** 1/2
- 142. Shabazz Palaces -- Vs The Jealous Machines ***
- 143. Rolling Stones -- Steel Wheels (1989) ** 1/2
- 144. Louis Armstrong -- Complete Decca Singles 1935-1946 ** 1/2
- 145. Randy Newman -- Dark Matter ***\
- 146. North Mississippi All-Stars -- Prayer For Peace **
- 147. X -- Los Angeles (1980) **
- 148. Richard Thompson -- Acoustic Classics II ***
- 149. Rodney Crowell -- Close Ties *** 1/2
- 150. Shelby Lynne and Allison Moorer -- Not Dark Yet ** 1/2
- 151. Broken Social Scene -- Hug of Thunder **
- 152. The Monkees -- Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn and Jones Ltd (1967) ***
- 153. Wesley Stace's John Wesley Harding ***/
- 154. The Monkees -- Headquarters (1967) ***
- 155. Carly Simon -- No Secrets (1972) ***
- 156. Will Hoge -- Anchors ***
- 157. Romeo Santos -- Golden **
- 158. Bobby Troup -- The Distinctive Style Of Bobby Troup (1955) ***
- 159. Bobby Troup -- And His Stars of Jazz (1958) **
- 160. Elton John -- Tumbleweed Connection (1970) **
- 161. Carly Simon -- Anticipation (1971) **
- 162. Della Reese -- Della Della Cha-Cha-Cha (1961) ***
- 163. Dean Martin -- This Time I'm Swingin' (1960) ** 1/2
- 164. Avicii -- Avicii **
- 165. Iron and Wine -- Beast Epic **
- 166. Doris Day -- Day In Hollywood (1955) **
- 167. Colin Hayes -- Fierce Mercy ** 1/2
- 168. The War On Drugs -- A Deeper Understanding **

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169. Abbey Lincoln -- Abbey Is Blue (1959) ***/
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- 170. John Mellencamp -- Sad Clowns and Hillbillies ***/
- 171. Van Morrison -- St. Dominic's Preview (1972) ***
- 172. Khalid -- American Teen ***
- 173. The Monkees -- Instant Replay (1969) ***/
- 174. Doris Day -- The Doris Day Christmas Album (1964) ** 1/2 (good songs and arrangements but somehow monotone in style, not mellow but languid)
- 175. The National -- Sleep Well Beast ***/ (v Nick Cave)
- 176. Lana Del Rey -- Lust For Life **
- 177. Dean Martin -- Swingin' Down Yonder (1955) **
- 178. Judas Priest -- British Steel (1980) ***
- 179. Joni Mitchell -- Song To A Seagull aka Joni Mitchell (1968) *** 1/2
- 180. Dora Freeman -- Letter Never Sent ***/
- 181. Niall Horan -- Flicker **
- 182. Various Artists -- Soul Of A Nation: Afro-Centric Visions In the Age of

Black Power ***/

- 183. Willie Watson -- Folk Singer Vol. 2 ** 1/2
- 184. Joni Mitchell -- Clouds (1969) *** 1/2
- 185. Joni Mitchell -- Ladies Of The Canyon (1970) *** 1/2
- 186. Joni Mitchell -- Blue (1971) ****
- 187. Joni Mitchell -- For The Roses (1972) *** 1/2/
- 188. Joni Mitchell -- Court and Spark (1974) ****
- 189. Joni Mitchell -- The Hissing Of Summer Lawns (1975) *** 1/2
- 190. Joni Mitchell -- Hejira (1976) *** 1/2
- 191. Joni Mitchell -- Don Juan's Reckless Daughter (1977) ***/
- 192. Joni Mitchell -- Mingus (1979) ***/
- 193. Sam Smith -- The Thrill Of It All ***
- 194. Amadou and Mariam -- La Confusion ** 1/2
- 195. Kelly Clarkson -- Meaning Of Life ** 1/2 (but voice sounds great)
- 196. Elliott Brood -- Ghost Gardens ***
- 197. Rush -- A Farewell To Kings (1977) **
- 198. Sharon Jones -- Soul Of A Woman ***/
- 199. Sia -- Everyday Is Christmas *** 1/2
- 200. The Doors -- Strange Days (1967) **
- 201. Stacey Kent -- Breakfast on The Morning Tram ***/
- 202. Various Artists -- A Tribute To Dan Fogelberg **
- 203. Sparks -- Hippopotamus ** 1/2
- 204. Bob Seger -- I Knew You When **
- 205. The Magnetic Fields -- 50 Song Memoir *** 1/2
- 206. Stacey Kent -- Raconte Moi ***
- 207. Tom Chaplin -- Twelve Tales Of Christmas * 1/2
- 208. Tears For Fears -- Rule The World: The Greatest Hits ***
- 209. Eurythmics -- Savage (1987) ** 1/2
- 210. Jules Shear -- Jules Shear ***
- 211. Lee Ann Womack -- The Lonely The Lonesome and the Gone ***
- 212. Liam Gallagher -- As You Were ***/
- 213. Jake Bugg -- Hearts That Strain * 1/2
- 214. Neil Young -- Hitchhiker (2017 release recorded in 1976) ***
- 215. Dhani Harrison -- In//Parallel **
- 216. Erin McKeown -- According To Us ** 1/2

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217. Doris Day -- Show Time (1960) **
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- 218. Why Don't We -- A Why Don't We Christmas *
- 219. Hanson -- Finally It's Christmas **
- 220. Cecile McLorin Salvant -- For One To Love (2015) ***
- 221. The Darkness -- Pinewood Smile ***
- 222. Morrissey -- Low In High School ***
- 223. Gaetane Prouvost and Laurent Cabasso -- Gabriel Pierne: Chamber

Music For Piano and Violin (2008) ***

- 224. Humbird -- Where Else **
- 225. Kamasi Washington -- Harmony of Difference *** 1/2
- 226. Katherine McPhee -- I Fall In Love Too Easily **
- 227. Margo Price -- All American Made ** 1/2
- 228. Mavis Staples -- If All I Was Was Black **
- 229. Midland -- On The Rocks ***
- 230. Jake Xerses Fussell -- What In The Natural World *** 1/2
- 231. The National -- Sleep Well Beast *** 1/2
- 232. Neil Finn -- Out Of Silence ***
- 233. Valerie June -- The Order Of Time ** 1/2
- 234. U2 -- Songs Of Experience ***\
- 235. Van Morrison -- Roll With The Punches ** 1/2
- 236. Chris Hillman -- Bidin' My Time ***
- 237. G Love -- Coming Home For Christmas **
- 238. Van Morrison -- Versatile **
- 239. Ella Fitzgerald -- Live at Zardi's 1956 ***
- 240. Chris Stapleton -- From A Room Vol. 2 ***
- 241. Belle and Sebastian -- How To Solve Our Human Problems Part 1 EP
- 242. Beck -- Colors **
- 243. Richard Thompson -- Acoustic Rarities ** 1/2
- 244. Hadestown Original Cast Album *** 1/2
- 245. Dion -- Kickin Child: The Lost 1965 Album *** 1/2
- 246. Various Artists -- Sunday in The Park With George (Bway 2017) *** 1/2
- 247. Bomba Estereo -- Ayo ***
- 248. Aldous Harding -- Party **
- 249. Taylor Swift -- Reputation **
- 250. Alice Coltrane -- World Spirituality Classics 1 **
- 251. Big Thief -- Capacity ** 1/2
- 252. Curtis Harding -- Face Your Fears *** 1/2
- 253. Brantley Gilbert -- The Devil Don't Sleep ** 1/2 (but "Three Feet Of

Water" great)

- 254. Oumou Sangaré -- Mogoya ***
- 255. Chris Price -- Stop Talking ***
- 256. Daniel Caesar -- Freudian *** 1/2
- 257. Courtney Barnett and Kurt Vile -- Lotta Sea Lice *** 1/2
- 258. Cat Stevens -- The Laughing Apple **
- 259. Neil Young -- The Visitor **
- 260. Harris J -- Salam **
- 261. Algiers -- The Underside Of Power ** 1/2
- 262. Moses Sumney -- Aromanticism *** 1/2
- 263. SZA Ctrl *** 1/2

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264. The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis and Jon
Batiste -- The Music Of John Lewis ***
265. Charly Bliss -- Guppy *** 1/2
266. Julien Baker -- Turn Out The Lights ***
267. Saz'sio -- At Least Wave Your Handkerchief At Me *** 1/2
268. Orchestra Baobab -- Tribute To Ndiouga Dieng *** 1/2
269. Aimee Mann -- Mental Illness *** 1/2
270. Michael McDonald -- Wide Open **
271. Michael Chapman -- 50 ***
272. Tyler, The Creator -- Flower Boy ** 1/2
273. Childish Gambino -- "Awaken, My Love!" ** 1/2
274. The Secret Sisters - You Don't Own Me Anymore ***
275. Mount Eerie -- A Crow Looked At Me ***
276. Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams -- Contraband Love *** 1/2
277. Hurray For The Riff Raff -- The Navigator ***
278. Bedouine -- Bedouine ** 1/2
279. Hiss The Golden Messenger -- Hallelujah Anyhow ***
280. Jim James -- Tribute To/2 *** (love "My Sweet Lord" cover)
281. Boubacar Traore -- Dounia Tabolo **
282. Juanes -- Mis Planes Son Amarte *** 1/2
283. Kelsea Ballerini -- Unapologetically ***/
284. Little Bandit -- Breakfast Alone ***
285. David Rawlings -- Poor David's Almanack *** 1/2
286. Darius Rucker -- When Was The Last Time **
287. Bjork -- Utopia ***
288. Anna Tivel -- Small Believer *** 1/2
289. Charlie Warsham -- The Beginning Of Things ***
290. Nicole Atkins -- Goodnight Rhonda Lee ** 1/2
291. Pablo Alborán -- Prometo ** 1/2
292. Ozuna -- Odisea *** 1/2
293. Lizz Wright -- Grace ***
294. John Craigie -- No Rain, No Rose ***
295. India.arie -- Songversation: Medicine *** 1/2
296. IAMDDB -- Hoodrich, Vol 3 ** 1/2
297. Ibeyi -- Ash ** 1/2
298. The Infamous Stringdusters -- Laws Of Gravity ***
299. Jade Bird -- Something American ***
300. Ladysmith Black Mambazo -- Songs Of Peace and Love *** 1/2
301. Noel Gallagher -- Who Built The Moon? ** 1/2
302. Robert Cray and Hi-Rhythm -- Robert Cray and the Hi-Rhythm *** 1/2
303. Residente -- Residente ***
304. Zuli -- On Human Freakout Mountain *** 1/2
305. LCD Soundsystem -- American Dream **
306. Lewis Capaldi -- Bloom *** 1/2
307. Tyler Childers -- Purgatory ***
308. Billie Eilish -- Don't Smile At Me ** 1/2
309. King Krule -- The Ooz ***/
310. Vince Staples -- Big Fish Theory ***
311. Natalia Lafourcade -- Musas (Un Homenaje al Folclore Latinoamericano
en Manos de los Macorinos Vol 1 *** 1/2
312. Aida Cuevas -- Arrieros Somos: Sesiones Acusticas *** 1/2
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MOVIES TV MOVIES

(Not TV movies, of course, but movies and TV -- and TV movies if it comes to that. Mostly I only list TV shows when I've tackled an entire season at once or reappraising an entire series after it's over This doesn't really capture my ongoing watching of current TV.)

- 1. The Rains Came (1939) ** 1/2
- 2. John Wick Chapter Two ** 1/2
- 3. Kong: Skull Island **
- 4. Detectorists Season One ****
- 5. Detectorists Season Two *** 1/2
- 6. Detectorists Christmas Special **
- 7. The Sound Of Music (at United Palace) ****
- 8. E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial at Lincoln Center w full orchestra ****
- 9. Guardians Of The Galaxy 2 * 1/2
- 10. Wonder Woman **
- 11. Baby Driver ** (but *** 1/2 soundtrack)
- 12. War For The Planet Of The Apes ***
- 13. Dunkirk (in IMAX 70mm) *** 1/2
- 14. Valerian and the City Of A Thousand Planets *
- 15. Lady Macbeth *** 1/2
- 16. Star Wars 1977 (at Lincoln Center w NY Philharmonic performing score live) *** 1/2
- 17. Battle Of The Sexes **
- 18. The Florida Project *** 1/2
- 19. Victoria And Abdul *
- 20. Arthur Miller: Writer *
- 21. The Rider ** 1/2 (but v well shot and edited and dir)
- 22. Thelma * 1/2
- 23. The Other Side Of Hope ***/
- 24. Last Flag Flying **
- 25. Coal Miner's Daughter (1980) *** 1/2
- 26. BPM (Beats Per Minute) *** 1/2
- 27. Voyeur (Gay Talese docu) **
- 28. Wonderstruck * 1/2
- 29. The Empire Strikes Back (1980) w NY Phil playing score live *** 1/2
- 30. Key Largo (1948) ***
- 31. Call Me By Your Name **
- 32. Lady Bird (Greta Gerwig dir) *** (star and sidekick)
- 33. Private Detective (1939) w Jane Wyman * 1/2
- 34. Mudbound ***\
- 35. Wonder Wheel (but Winslet fine, w TJ)**\
- 36. Wuthering Heights (1939) ** 1/2
- 37. Thor: Ragnorak **
- 38. Murder On The Orient Express (2010 TV film w David Suchet) ***

- 39. Call Me By Your Name (second viewing, w TJ) ** 1/2
- 40. Darkest Hour (at MOMA W Joe) **
- 41. Blade Runner 2049 (at Moma w Noam) ***
- 42. Justice League *
- 43. The Killing Of A Sacred Deer *** 1/2
- 44. Coco ** 1/2
- 45. The Shape Of Water (at Lincoln Square w TJ) **
- 46. Three Billboards **
- 47. Phantom Thread ***
- 48. Kid Nightingale (1939) *
- 49. The Cat and the Canary (1939) * 1/2
- 50. The Glamour Girls (1939) *
- 51. The Four Feathers (1939) **
- 52. Faces/Places *** (should have been a TV series)
- 53. Star Wars: The Last Jedi **
- 54. Balalaika (1939) ** 1/2
- 55. Let Freedom Ring (1939) ***\
- 56. Dark Victory (1939) **
- 57. Logan Lucky ** 1/2
- 58. Downsizing ** 1/2
- 59. I, Tonya ***/
- 60. Paddington 2 **

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- 1. The Fever (The Public's UTR Festival)(w Noam) **
- 2. Lula del Ray (The Public's UTR Festival) (w Noam) **
- 3. La Mélancolie des Dragons (The Public's UTR Festival at the Kitchen) (w.
- 4. Top Secret International (State 1) (The Public's UTR Festival at Brooklyn I
- 5. The Present (Cate Blanchett) (w Cohen)**

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7. Jitney (John Douglas Thompson on Bway) (w Noam) *** 1/2
8. The Tempest (Harriet Walter at St. Ann's) (solo) *** 1/2
9. Significant Other (w TJ) * 1/2
10. The Skin Of Our Teeth (w Noam) ***
11. Natasha, Pierre And The Great Comet Of 1812 (w Groban) (w Cohen) ** (
12. Everybody (at Signature) (w Cohen, Zoe, Noam) ** 1/2
13. Idomeneo (at Met w Levine conducting) (w Garrett) *** 1/2
14. Sunday In The Park With George (w Jake Gyllenhaal) (solo) ****
5. The Light Years (w Zoe) * 1/12
16. The Glass Menagerie (w Sally Field, Joe Mantello) (w Luis) *** 1/2
17. 946: The Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips (St. Ann's Kneehigh) (w Noan
18. The Price (w Mark Ruffalo) (w Noam) *
19. Come From Away (w Justin Trudeau, Ivanka Trump) (w Noam) *
20. Miss Saigon (w Cohen) **
21. Picnic/Come Back Little Sheba (w Noam) * 1/2
22. Broadway By The Year: The 1940s (w TJ) **
23. Vanity Fair (at Pearl)(w Luis) ***
24. Latin History For Morons (solo) * 1/2
25. On The Grounds Of Belonging (workshop production w Bobby Steggert)(
26. Wakey Wakey (w Noam)***
27. Present Laughter (w Kevin Kline)( w Noam) ***
28. CasablancaBox (w Noam) ** 1/2
29. Amélie (w Noam) * 1/2
30. The Play That Goes Wrong **
31. Indecent (w Frima) ** 1/2
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6. The Liar (w Noam) *** 1/2

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32. The Hairy Animal (w Bobby Cannavale) (w Noam and Frima) ***
33. The Antipodes (w Zoe, Heather, Noam, Cohen) **
34. Anastasia (w Noam) **
35. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (w Garrett) **
36. Oslo (w Zoe) *** 1/2
37. The Little Foxes (w Laura Linney, Cynthia Nixon) (solo)**
38. Groundhog Day (w Noam) ** 1/2
39. Babes In Toyland (Kelli O'Hara at Carnegie Hall) (w Noam and Frima) **
40. Mourning Becomes Electra (w Noam) **
41. A Doll's House, Part 2 (w Luis) *** 1/2
42. Bandstand (w Luis) ** 1/2
43. Pacific Overtures (at CSC)(w Noam) ***
44. Six Degrees Of Separation (w Allison Janney)(w Zoe) **
45. Twelfth Night (Public Theater Mobile Unit)(alone) ** 1/2
46. Rooms (w Noam) **
47. Arlington (w Noam) ***
48. All The President's Men (Public Theater one-night event at Town Hall)(v
49. In and Of Itself (Derek Delgaudio illusionist) (w Noam) ***
50. War Paint (Christine Ebersole, Patti Lupone) (w Cohen) **
51. Happy Days (w Dianne Wiest)(w Noam) *** 1/2
52. Derren Brown: Secret (w TJ) *** 1/2
53. The Whirligig (w Noam) * 1/2
54. Sojourners and Her Portmanteau (w Noam)**
55. Broadway By The Year 1997-2006 (w TJ)***
56. The Boy Who Danced On Air (w Noam)** 1/2
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- 58. Sweetee (at Signature) (w Noam) *
- 59. Venus (at Sig, Zainab Jah excellent) (w Noam and Zoe and Cohen) ** 1/2
- 60. Cyrano at the Met w Roberto Alagna (gorgeous sets and staging, but what
- 61. Theater Of War on the Intrepid (w Noam) ***

57. The Government Inspector (w Noam)** 1/2

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62. A Doll's House Part 2 (with Julie White and Stephen McKinley Hen
63. Fucking A (at Sig, revival) (w Zoe and Noam) ** 1/2
64. Measure For Measure (ERS at Public w Zoe) **
65. Desperate Measures (alone) ***
66. The Honeymooners (w Noam)**
67. People, Places And Things (alone at St Ann's) **
68. M. Butterfly (w Cohen) * 1/2
69. Red Roses, Green Gold (w Noam) no stars
70. Of Thee I Sing (Master Voices concert presentation at Carnegie Hall w No
71. Norma (At the Met, left at break! w Garrett) **
71. Lonely Planet (w Arnie Burton and Matt McGrath) w Cohen ** 1/2
72. Time and the Conways (Roundabout w Elizabeth McGovern)w Noam **\
73. Torch Song (w Michael Urie) (w Joanne Guerrerio) ** 1/2
74. Jesus Hopped The "A" Train (w Cohen, Noam, Zoe) ***
75. Junk (w Zoe) ** 1/2
76. The Band's Visit (on Bway) w Noam *** 1/2
77. The B Side (at Performing Garage) w Noam ***
78. Nellie McKay at Joe's Pub (Joan Rivers bio-musical) w Jamie *** 1/2
79. Actually (college date rape) at MTC w Zoe
80. Harry Clarke w Billy Crudup (solo)
81. Nellie McKay at Joe's Pub (w TJ) Joan Rivers bio-musical *** 1/2
82. Bedlam's Peter Pan (w Noam) * 1/2
83. Home For The Holidays (on Bway w Candace Glover and Danny Aiello)
84. Pride and Prejudice (w Frima) ***
85. Describe The Night (w TJ) ** 1/2
86. Once On This Island (w Noam) ** 1/2
87. The Parisian Woman w Uma Thurman (w Jamie) *
87. SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical (w Noam) ** 1/2
88. It's A Wonderful Life: The Live Radio Play (w Noam) ***
89. Twelfth Night (At CSC) (w Noam) * 1/2 out of ****
90. The Children (w Dave Cohen) *** 1/2 out of ****
91. Farinelli and the King (w Luis) ** out of ****
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     *** is three stars out of four
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