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MICHAEL GILTZ AT WORK

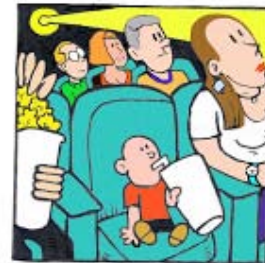
## The Movies, Books, Theater, Concerts, CDs, Etc. I Saw/Read/Attended In 2015

Updated December 31, 2015

### 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. Mightier Than The Sword (Clifton Chronicles Vol. 5) by Jeffrey Archer \*\*
2. The Marriage Game by Alison Weir \*\*\*
3. I'm Glad I Did by Cynthia Weil \*\* 1/2
4. One Nation, Under Gods by Peter Manseau \*\*\* 1/2
5. Always Magic In The Air: The Bomp and Brilliance Of The Brill Building by Ken Emerson \*\* 1/2
6. God's Bankers by Gerald Posner \*\*\*
7. The Future Of The Catholic Church With Pope Francis by Garry Wills \*\* 1/2
8. The Francis Miracle by John L. Allen \*\* 1/2
9. The Age Of Acquiescence by Steve Fraser \*\*\* /
10. The Monopolists by Mary Pilon \*\*\*
11. Early Warning by Jane Smiley \*\*\*\*
12. Nightbird by Alice Hoffman \*\*
13. The Tightrope Walkers by David Almond \*\*\*\*
14. The Tropic Of Serpents by Marie Brennan \*\*



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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)

15. Voyage Of The Basilisk by Marie Brennan \*\*\*
16. Hissing Cousins by Marc Peyser and Timothy Dwyer \*\*\*
17. Voices In The Night by Steven Millhauser \*\*\*\*
18. Words Without Music by Philip Glass \*\*\*
19. Between You And Me by Mary Norris \*\*\*
20. Murder Is Bad Manners by Robin Stevens \*\* 1/2
21. Capital Dames by Cokie Roberts \*\*\*
22. Midnight Crossroad by Charlaine Harris \*\* 1/2
23. Day Shift by Charlaine Harris \*\*\*
24. The Wright Brothers by David McCullough \*\*\*
25. The Railway Children by E. Nesbit \*\*\*
26. The Light Princess by George MacDonald w illus by Maurice Sendak \*\* 1/2\
27. The Bill Of Rights by Carol Berkin \*\*\*
28. Tiger Boy by Mitali Perkins \*\* 1/2
29. And Sometimes I Wonder About You by Walter Mosley \*\*\*
30. The Millionaire And The Bard by Andrea Mays \*\* 1/2
31. Uprooted by Naomi Novik \*\*\* 1/2
32. The School For Unusual Girls by Kathleen Baldwin \*\*
33. The Book Of Aron by Jim Shepard \*\*\* 1/2
34. Little Girl Lost by Richard Aleas \*\* 1/2
35. Irrationally Yours by Dan Ariely \*\* 1/2
36. My First Hundred Years In Show Business by Mary Louise Wilson \*\*\* 1/2
37. Aurora by Kim Stanley Robinson \*\*\* 1/2
38. Circling The Sun by Paula McLain \*\*\*
39. In The Unlikely Event by Judy Blume \*\*\*
40. Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me (And Other Concerns) by Mindy Kaling \*\* 1/2
41. Paper Towns by John Green \*\*\*
42. Looking For Alaska by John Green \*\*\*\
43. Fool's Quest by Robin Hobb \*\*\*
44. The Glass Sentence by S.E. Grove \*\*\*/
45. The Curious World Of Calpurnia Tate \*\*\*
46. The Intern's Handbook by Shane Kuhn \*\* 1/2
47. Hostile Takeover by Shane Kuhn \*\*\*
48. Mister Max: The Book Of Lost Things by Cynthia Voigt \*\*\*
49. Mister Max: The Book Of Secrets by Cynthia Voigt \*\*\* 1/2
50. Mister Max: The Book Of Kings by Cynthia Voigt \*\*\*\*
51. Pretty Girls by Karin Slaughter \*\*\* 1/2
52. Pope Francis Among The Wolves by Marco Politi \*\* 1/2
53. Never Always Sometimes by Adi Alsaid \*\*\*/
54. Our Man In Charleston by Christopher Dickey \*\*\*
55. Katrina by Gary Rivlin \*\* 1/2
56. Slice Harvester by Colin Atrophy Hegendorf \*\*\* 1/2
57. We Believe The Children by Richard Beck \*\*\* 1/2
58. Carrying Albert Home by Homer Hickam \*\*\* /
59. South Toward Home by Margaret Eby \*\*\*
60. Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam \*\*\*\*
61. The Rest Of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness \*\*\*/
62. Sorcerer To The Crown by Zen Cho \*\*\*

► 2017 (6)

► 2016 (2)

▼ 2015 (14)

▼ December (1)

The Movies, Books, Theater, Concerts, CDs, Etc. I ...

► May (5)

► April (5)

► March (2)

► February (1)

► 2014 (2)

► 2013 (5)

► 2012 (18)

► 2011 (15)

► 2010 (10)

► 2009 (43)

► 2008 (86)

► 2007 (781)

► 2006 (2412)

► 2005 (5)

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63. Daddy Long Legs by Jean Webster \*\*\* 1/2
64. Jade Dragon Mountain by Elsa Hart \*\*\*
65. Stand-Off By Andrew Smith \*\*\* 1/2
66. Finale by Thomas Mallon \*\*\*/
67. 1944: FDR And The Year That Changed History by Jay Winik \*\*\*  
1/2
68. Symphony For The City Of The Dead by M.T. Anderson \*\*\*\*
69. Razzle Dazzle by Michael Riedel \*\* 1/2
70. Saving Capitalism by Robert Reich \*\* 1/2
71. A Thousand Nights by E.K. Johnston \*\*\*
72. Newt's Emerald by Garth Nix \*\* 1/2
73. Golden Age by Jane Smiley \*\*\* 1/2
74. The Silent Boy by Andrew Taylor \*\* 1/2
75. Sinatra: The Chairman by James Kaplan \*\*\*\
76. The Coalwood Way by Homer Hickam \*\*\* 1/2
77. The Keeper's Son by Homer Hickam \*\*\*/
78. Slade House by David Mitchell \*\*\*
79. Avenue Of Mysteries by John Irving \*\*\*
80. Dear Mr. You by Mary Louise Parker \*\*\* 1/2
81. Cast Of Characters by Thomas Vinciguerra \*\* 1/2
82. The Great Surge by Steve Radelet \*\*\*
83. The Cinder Spires: Aeronaut's Windlass by Jim Butcher \*\*\* 1/2
84. Beatlebone by Kevin Barry \*\*\*
85. How To Catch A Bogle by Catherine Jenkins \*\*\*
86. A Plague Of Bogles by Catherine Jenkins \*\*\*
87. Memory Theater by Simon Critchley \*\*\*
88. The Constable's Tale by Donald Smith \*\* 1/2
89. Between The World And Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates \*\*\*\*
90. A Brief History Of Creation by Bill Mesler and H. James Cleaves II  
\*\*\* 1/2
91. All About Sam by Lois Lowry \*\* 1/2
92. It's All Your Fault by Paul Rudnick (2016 release) \*\*\*
93. This Divided Island by Samanth Subramanian \*\*\* 1/2
94. The Revenant by Michael Punke \*\*\* 1/2
95. The Last Bogler by Catherine Jinks \*\*\*
96. Lizzie and the Lost Baby by Cheryl Blackford \*\*\*
97. Bryant And May And The Burning Man by Christopher Fowler \*\*\*  
1/2
98. The Tevye Stories and Other Stories by Sholem Aleichem \*\*\* 1/2
99. Robert B. Parker's Ironhorse by Robert Knott \*\* 1/2
100. Robert B. Parker's Bull River by Robert Knott \*\* 1/2

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(Only the CDs I've listened to thoroughly and with a strong 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 like more than once

and don't think it's fair to rate on a cursory listen)

1. Fall Out Boy -- American Beauty/American Psycho \*\*\*
2. Diana Krall -- Wallflower \*\* 1/2
3. Steve Earle -- Terraplane \*\*\* 1/2
4. The Lone Bellow -- Then Came The Morning \*\*\* 1/2
5. The Waterboys -- Modern Blues \*\*\*
6. The Subways -- The Subways \*\*
7. Lee Ann Womack -- The Way I'm Livin' (2014) \*\* 1/2
8. Kris Allen -- Horizons (2014) \*\* 1/2
9. Bob Dylan -- Shadows In The Night \*\*\*
10. Old Crow Medicine Show -- Carry Me Back (2012) \*\*\*
11. Sleater Kinney -- No Cities To Love \*\* 1/2
12. Dakota Staton -- Dynamic! (1958) \*\*\*
13. Courtney Barnett -- Sometimes I Just Sit And Think And Sometimes I Just Sit \*\*\* 1/2 \
14. Martin Sexton -- Mixtape Of The Open Road \*\*\* (esp "Do It Daily")
15. Marina And The Diamonds -- Froot \*\*
16. Mick Flannery -- By The Rule \*\* (esp "Get What You Give")
17. Amy LaVere and Will Sexton -- Hallelujah, I'm A Dreamer \*\*\* 1/2
18. Andrew Combs -- All These Dreams \*\*\* (esp "Strange Bird")
19. Brian Setzer -- Rockabilly Riot (2014) \*\* 1/2
20. Nellie McKay -- My Weekly Reader \*\*\*
21. The Tallest Man On Earth -- Dark Bird Is Home \*\*\*\*
22. Ozark Henry -- Paramount \*\*\*
23. Randy Travis -- Influence Vol. 2: The Man I Am (2014) \*\* 1/2
24. Bill Ryder-Jones -- Home Recordings Jan/Feb 2015 \*\* 1/2
25. Sufjan Stevens -- Carrie And Lowell \*\*\*\*
26. Bill Fay -- Who Is The Sender? \*\*\*
27. Tobias Jesso Jr. -- Goon \*\*
28. The Staples Singers -- Freedom Highway Complete \*\* 1/2 (poorly miked concert; bad sound)
29. Steve Earle -- Terraplane \*\*\* 1/2
30. Various Artists -- Zomba Prison Project \*\* 1/2
31. Leonard Cohen -- Can't Forget: A Souvenir Of The Grand Tour \*\*\*
32. Kendrick Lamar -- To Pimp A Butterfly \*\*\* 1/2
33. Father John Misty -- I Love You Honeybear \*\* 1/2
34. Drew Holcomb -- Medicine \*\*
35. The Honeydrips -- In The City \*\*
36. John Grant -- Strongroom (EP) \*\*\* 1/2
37. Kasey Chambers -- Bittersweet \*\*
38. Kodamine -- Coming Up For Air \*\*
39. Lady Lamb The Beekeeper -- After \*\*
40. Loudon Wainwright III -- Haven't Got The Blues (Yet) \*\*\*
41. Matt Wertz -- Old Flames \*\*
42. Richard Thompson -- Acoustic Classics (2014) \*\*\*
43. The White Birch -- The Weight Of Spring \* 1/2
44. The Watkins Family Hour -- The Watkins Family Hour \* 1/2
45. Vetiver -- Complete Strangers \*\* 1/2
46. The Vespers -- Sisters and Brothers \*\*

47. Two Gallants -- We Come Undone \*\* 1/2
48. Tony Joe White -- The Complete Collection \*\*
49. Tom Broseau -- Perfect Abandon \*\*
50. Toni Braxton And Babyface --- Love, Marriage And Divorce (2014)  
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51. Steve Gunn -- Seasonal Hire \*\*\*
52. The Staves -- Dead And Born And Grown \*\*
53. San Cisco -- Gracetown \*\*
54. Robert Earl Keen -- Happy Prisoner: The Bluegrass Sessions \*\* 1/2
55. Sean Watkins -- All I Do Is Lie \*\*
56. Seth Avett And Jessica Lea Mayfield -- Sing Elliot Smith \*\*\*
57. Shakey Graves -- And The War Came (2014) \*\*\*
58. Shakey Graves -- Nobody's Fool (2015) \*\*\* 1/2
59. Kelly Clarkson -- Piece By Piece \*\*\*
60. James McMurtry -- Complicated Game \*\* 1/2
61. She And Him -- Classics (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
62. Garth Brooks -- Man Against Machine (2014) \*\*
63. Shelby Lynne -- I Can't Imagine \*\* 1/2
64. Leon Bridges -- Coming Home \*\*
65. James Taylor -- Before This World \*\* 1/2
66. Boz Scaggs -- A Fool To Care \*\*\*
67. Jason Isbell -- Something More Than Free \*\*\* /
68. Davy Knowles -- The Outsider \*\*
69. Josh Ritter -- Sermon On The Rocks \*\* (but final track "Man On A Horse" a keeper)
70. Richard Thompson -- Still \*\* 1/2
71. Trailhead -- Leave Me To Learn \*\*
72. Lindi Ortega -- Faded Gloryville \*\*\* 1/2\
73. Daniel Romano -- If I've Only One Time Askin' \*\*\* 1/2\
74. Ernestine Anderson -- Swings The Penthouse (1962 concert) \*\*\* /
75. Lesley Gore -- Girl Talk (1964) \*\*\* /
76. Lianne La Havas -- Blood \*\*\*
77. Curtis Harding -- Soul Power (2014) \*\*
78. Sean Taylor -- \*\* 1/2
79. Mika -- No Place In Heaven \*\*\*
80. Langhorne Slim -- The Spirit Moves \*\* 1/2
81. Iris DeMent -- The Trackless Woods \*\*\* 1/2 /
82. Jack Savoretti -- Scars \*\*
83. The Wands -- The Wands \*\* 1/2
84. Ruthann Friedman -- The Complete Constant Companion Sessions (1969) \*\*\* /
85. Johnny Mathis -- So Nice (1966) \*\* 1/2
86. East Anderson -- Delilah \*\*\* /
87. Darlene Love -- Introducing Darlene Love \*\* 1/2
88. Kasey Musgraves -- Pageant Material \*\*\* 1/2
89. Various Artists -- Country Soul [sic] \*\* 1/2
90. Family Of The Year -- Family Of The Year \*\*
91. Samantha Fish -- Wild Hearts \*\*
92. Run Boy Run -- Something To Someone (2014) \*\*
93. Fotheringay -- Fotheringay (1970) \*\*\*\*
94. Fotheringay -- Fotheringay 2 (1971-ish) \*\*\* 1/2

95. Old Man Luedecke -- Domestic Eccentric \*\*
96. Garnet Mimms -- Looking For You: The Complete United Artists and Veep Singles (1963-1967) \*\*\*\*
97. Courtney Barnett -- Double EP: A Sea Of Spilt Peas (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
98. Jill Scott -- Woman \*\*\* 1/2
99. Marion Williams -- Gospel Soul Of Marion Williams \*\*\*\*
100. Public Enemy -- Man Plans God Laughs \*\* 1/2
101. Various Artists -- Southpaw Soundtrack \*\* 1/2
102. Beirut -- No No No \*\*
103. Boz Scaggs -- A Fool To Care \*\*\* 1/2 (better on repeated listening)
104. Anna and Elizabeth -- Anna and Elizabeth \*\* (Appalachian face)
105. The Kingston Trio -- Greatest Hits \*\*
106. George Benson -- The Best Of George Benson \*\*
107. What's Eating Gilbert -- That New Sound You're Looking For \*\*
108. The Weeknd -- Beauty Behind The Madness \*\* 1/2
109. Janis Ian -- Anthology \*\*
110. Bruce Hornsby -- Essential \*\*
111. Fotheringay -- Nothing More: Collected \*\*\* 1/2
112. Fleetwood Mac -- Play On \*\*\*\*
113. The Fratellis -- Eyes Wide Tongue Tied \*\*\* 1/2
114. Findlay Brown -- Slow Light \*\*
115. Greg Trooper -- Live At The Rock Room \*\*
116. Freddy Cole -- Singing The Blues (2014) \*\* 1/2
117. The Strypes -- Little Victories \*\*
118. Procol Harum -- Shine On Brightly (1968) \*\*\* /
119. Prince -- HitnRun Phase One \*\*\* \
120. Lesley Gore -- California Nights (1967) \*\*\* /
121. Marine Dreams -- Producer's Wonderland \*\* 1/2
122. Years And Years -- Communion \*\* 1/2
123. Steep Canyon Rangers -- Radio \*\*
124. Meg Baird -- Don't Weigh Down The Light \*\*
125. Leigh Nash -- The State I'm In \*\*\*
126. Rhodes -- Wishes \*\*\* (romantic, anthemic pop w great arrangements)
127. Dave Alvin and Phil Alvin -- Lost Time \*\*\* \
128. Bones -- Powder \*\*\* 1/2 \
129. Bones -- HateToBreakItToYou \*\*\*
130. Tony Bennett and Bill Charlap -- The Silver Lining \*\*\* 1/2
131. David Bowie -- Hunky Dory (1971) \*\*\*\*
132. David Bowie -- Space Oddity (1969) \*\*\* 1/2
133. David Bowie -- Aladdin Sane (1973) \*\*\* 1/2
134. John Grant -- Grey Tickles, Black Pressure \*\* 1/2
135. Harry Connick Jr. -- That Would Be Me \*\*\*
136. Don Henley -- Cass Country \*\*\* /
137. Carrie Underwood -- Storyteller \*\*\* /
138. The Mavericks -- Mono \*\*\* 1/2
139. Sharon Jones And The Dap Kings -- It's A Holiday Soul Party \*\* 1/2
140. Def Leppard -- Def Leppard \*\*
141. Original Broadway Cast -- Hamilton \*\*\* 1/2 /

142. Chris Young -- I'm Comin' Over \*\* 1/2
143. Magic System -- Radio Afrika \*\*\*
144. The Coasters -- Christmas With The Coasters \* 1/2
145. Jesse Malin -- Outsiders \*\*
146. Eric Church -- Mr. Misunderstood \*\*\*/
147. Tom McGraw -- Damn Country Music \*\*
148. The Specials -- The Specials (weak vocals) \*\*\*
149. Peter Case -- Hwy 62 \*\*
150. Sara Bareilles -- What's Inside: Songs From Waitress \*\*\* 1/2
151. Carousel Kings -- Three Christmas Classics: A Four Song EP \*\*
152. Chris Isaak -- First Comes The Night \*\*\*
153. Adele -- 25 \*\*\*/
154. Jeff Lynne's ELO -- Alone In The Universe \*\*\*
155. Francesco Yates -- Francesco Yates \*\*
156. The Lighthouse And The Whaler -- Mont Royal \*\* 1/2
157. Edie Brickell and Steve Martin -- So Familiar \*\*
158. Kylie Minogue -- Kylie Christmas \*\*
159. The Brian Setzer Orchestra -- Rockin' Rudolph \*\*
160. Angie Stone -- Dream \*\*
161. Frank Sinatra -- A Voice On Air: 1935-1955 \*\*\*
162. Amy Winehouse -- Amy (soundtrack) \*\*
163. The Velvet Underground -- Loaded (1970) \*\*\* 1/2
164. Steven Curtis Chapman -- Christmas Hymns \* 1/2
165. Danny Gokey -- Christmas Is Here \* 1/2
166. The Pretty Things -- The Sweet Pretty Things (Are In Bed Now, Of Course) \*\* 1/2
167. The Dead Weather -- Dodge And Burn \*\* 1/2
168. Ben Rector -- Brand New \*\* 1/2 (but song "Make Something Beautiful" lovely)
169. Duran Duran -- Paper Gods \*\* 1/2
170. Drake and The Future -- What A Time To Be Alive \*\* 1/2
171. Holy Sons -- Fall Of Man \*\*
172. Joanna Newsome -- Divers \*\*
173. Lana Del Rey -- Honeymoon \*\*
174. Los Lobos -- Gates Of Gold \*\*\* 1/2 \
175. Madonna -- Rebel Heart \*\*\*
176. Rod Melancon -- Parish Lines \*\*
177. Ruby Amanfu -- Standing Still \*\* 1/2
178. Ryan Adams -- 1989 \*\*\*
179. Various Artists - Nippon Girls 2: Japanese Pop, Beat And Rock n Roll 1965-1970 \*\*\* 1/2
180. Ron Sexsmith -- Carousel One \*\*\* \
181. Ike Reilly -- Born On Fire \*\*\* 1/2
182. Foals -- What Went Down \*\* 1/2
183. Ryley Walker -- Primrose Green \*\*
184. The Felice Brothers -- Feliz Navidad \*\*
185. Jim O'Rourke -- Simple Songs \*\*
186. Hop Along -- Painted Shut \*\* 1/2
187. Patty Griffin -- Servant Of Love \*\*\* 1/2
188. James Bay -- Chaos And The Calm \*\*
189. Bill Ryder-Jones -- West Kirby County Primary \*\*\*\

190. David Bowie -- Station To Station (1976) \*\*\* 1/2
191. The Mekons and Robbie Fulks -- Jura \*\* 1/2
192. Sun Bears! -- Do Christmas \*\* 1/2
193. Ashley Monroe -- The Blade \*\* 1/2
194. Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band -- Wrap This! \* 1/2
195. Rumer -- Love Is The Answer EP \*\*\*
196. Alabama Shakes -- Sound And Color \*\*\*
197. Bob Moses -- Days Gone By \*\*\*
198. Cowboy Junkies -- Notes Falling Slowly \*\*\* 1/2
199. Prince -- HitNRun Phase Two \*\* 1/2
200. The London Souls -- The London Souls \*\*\* 1/2
201. The Vamps -- Wake Up \*\*
202. Donnie Trumpet and the Social Experiment -- Surf \*\* 1/2
203. Bruce Springsteen -- The River Single Album Version \*\* 1/2
204. Miguel -- Wildheart \*\*\*
205. The Arcs -- Yours, Dreamily \*\*
206. Carly Rae Jepsen -- Emotion \*\* 1/2 (vocals over-processed;  
strong songs)
207. Tame Impala -- Currents \*\*\* 1/2
208. Skrillex and Diplo -- Present Jack U \*\*\*/
209. Tinariwen -- Live In Paris 2014 \*\*\* 1/2
210. Chris Stapleton -- Traveller \*\*\* 1/2
211. Mackintosh Braun -- Arcadia \*\* 1/2
212. Malinky -- Malinky \*\* 1/2
213. Michael Sherwood and Christian Nesmith -- Groovy Lemon Pie  
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214. Kamasi Washington -- The Epic \*\*\* 1/2
215. Kanaku Y El Tigre -- Quema Quema Quema \*\* 1/2
216. Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams -- Larry Campbell and  
Teresa Williams \*\* 1/2
217. Leigh Nash -- The State I'm In \*\* 1/2
218. Quiet Company -- Transgressor \*\* 1/2
219. Peter Buck -- Warzone Earth \*\*
220. Paul Weller -- Saturn's Pattern \*\*\*
221. Kimmie Rhodes -- Cowgirl Boudoir \*\*
222. Kristin Diable -- Create Your Own Mythology \*\*\*/
223. Kurt Cobain -- Montage Of Heck \*\*
224. Dirty Revival -- Dirty Revival \*\*
225. Veruca Salt -- Ghost Notes \*\*\*/
226. Whitney Rose -- Heartbreaker Of The Year \*\*\*
227. Cage The Elephant -- Tell Me I'm Pretty \*\*\*/
228. Alan Jackson -- Angels and Alcohol \*\*
229. April Verch -- The Newpart \*\* 1/2
230. Car Seat Headrest -- Teen Style \*\*\*
231. Warm Soda -- Symbolic Dream \*\*\*
232. Royal Headache -- High \*\*\*
233. Scouting For Girls -- Still Thinking About You \*\* 1/2
234. Dwight Yoakum -- Second-Hand Heart \*\*\* 1/2
235. Orange Humble Band -- Depressing Beauty \*\*\* 1/2/
236. Franz Ferdinand Sparks -- Franz Ferdinand Sparks \*\*\*/
237. Vince Staples -- Summertime '06 \*\*\* 1/2



- 238. Kurt Vile -- B'lieve I'm Going Down \*\*\*
- 239. Graham Parker -- Mystery Gate \*\* 1/2
- 240. The Bellfuries -- Workingman's Bellfuries \*\* 1/2
- 241. Blur -- The Magic Whip \*\*\*

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- 1. Foyle's War Season 8 \* 1/2
- 2. The Babadook (2014) \*\* 1/2
- 3. Mommy \*\*\* 1/2
- 4. Wild Tales \*\*\* 1/2
- 5. The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 6. We Are The Best! (2014) \*\*\*
- 7. Birdman (2014) \*
- 8. Nightcrawler (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 9. Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014) \*\*
- 10. Ida (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 11. The Lunchbox (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 12. Force Majeure (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 13. Fury (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 14. The Avengers: Age Of Ultron \* 1/2
- 15. Beggars Of Life (1928) (Film Forum w live accompaniment) \*\*\* 1/2
- 16. Bad Little Angel (1939) \* 1/2
- 17. I'll Be Seeing You (1944 w Joseph Cotten, Ginger Rogers, Shirley Temple) \*\* 1/2
- 18. Pitch Perfect 2 \* 1/2
- 19. Inside Out \*\*\*
- 20. Dope \*\* 1/2 (but fun)
- 21. Confessions Of A Nazi Spy (1939) \*\*
- 22. Mr. Holmes (2015) \* 1/2
- 23. Ant-man \*\* 1/2
- 24. Amy (Amy Winehouse docu) \*\*
- 25. Flamenco Flamenco (2014) \*\*\* 1/2
- 26. Beyond Zero: 1914 -- 1918 \*\*\* 1/2
- 27. Seashore \*\*\*
- 28. Adventures Of Jane Arden (1939) \*
- 29. Pride Of The Blue Grass (1939) \*\*
- 30. Mission Impossible Rogue Nation \*\* 1/2
- 31. Microbe And I (Michel Gondry) \*\*
- 32. Indian Summers (TV series season one) \*\*
- 33. The Walk \*\*
- 34. Brooklyn [Noam] \*\*\*\
- 35. Bridge Of Spies [Andy] \*\*
- 36. Spectre [Luis] \*\*\*
- 37. The Danish Girl [Luis] \*\* 1/2
- 38. Carol [Noam] \*\* 1/2

39. Chimes At Midnight [Noam] \*\*\*
40. Son Of Saul \*\*\* 1/2
41. In Jackson Heights \*\*\* 1/2
42. The Revenant \*\* 1/2
43. Creed \*\* 1/2
44. Joy \*\* 1/2
45. The End Of The Tour \*\* 1/2
46. Slow West \*\*\* /
47. Sicario \*\*
48. Me And Earl and the Dying Girl \*\*
49. Güeros \*\*\* 1/2
50. The Clouds Of Sils Maria \*\* 1/2
51. The Big Short \*\* 1/2
52. Far From The Madding Crowd (2015 w Carey Mulligan) \*\*\*
52. Oscar shorts live action
  - Stutterer \*\* 1/2
  - Everything Will Be Okay \*\*\*
  - Day One \*\*
  - Ave Maria \* 1/2
  - Shok \* 1/2
53. Oscar shorts animation
  - Bear Story \*\*\*
  - We Can't Live Without Cosmos \*\* 1/2
  - Prologue \*
  - World Of Tomorrow \*\*
  - Sanjay's Super Team \*\*\*
54. Love And Mercy \*\*\* 1/2
55. Chi-raq \* 1/2
56. The Diary Of A Teenage Girl \*\*\* 1/2
57. Straight Outta Compton \*\*\* /
58. Anomalisa \*\* 1/2
59. Tangerine \*\*\* /
60. The Tribe \*\*\* 1/2
61. The Hateful Eight \*\*\*

**THEATER CONCERTS THEATER CONCERTS THEATER  
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1. *Honeymoon In Vegas* [Garrett] \*\*
2. *The Woodsman* [Noam] \*\*\*
3. *Constellations* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
4. *Taylor Mac's A 24 Decade History Of Popular Music 1930s-1950s* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
5. *Let The Right One In* [Solo] \*\*

6. *Da* [Noam] no rating
7. *A Month In The Country* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
8. *Parade* in Concert at Lincoln Center [Noam] \*\* 1/2
9. *Hamilton* at the Public [Luis] \*\*\*
10. *The World Of Extreme Happiness* [Noam, Zoe] \*\* 1/2
11. *Broadway By The Year 1915-1940* [TJ] \*\*
12. *Verite* \* 1/2
13. *Fabulous!* [TJ] \*
14. *The Mystery Of Love And Sex* \*\*
15. *An Octoroon* at Polonsky Shakespeare Center [TJ] \*\*\* 1/2
16. *Fish In The Dark* \*
17. *The Audience* \*\*\*
18. *Josephine And I* [Zoe] \*\*\*
19. *Posterity* \* 1/2
20. *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame* at Paper Mill [Noam] \*\*
21. *Lonesome Traveler* [Noam] \*\*
22. *On The Twentieth Century* [Cohen] \*\*\*
23. *Radio City Music Hall's New York Spring Spectacular* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
24. *The Heidi Chronicles* [Noam] \*
25. *The Tallest Tree In The Forest* \* 1/2
26. *Broadway By The Year: 1941-1965* [TJ] \*\*\*
27. *Twelfth Night* by Bedlam [Noam] \*\*\*
28. *What You Will* by Bedlam [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2
29. *Wolf Hall Parts I and II* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
30. *Skylight* [Noam] \*\*\*
31. *Nellie McKay* [Noam] at 54 Below \*\*\*
32. *Ludic Proxy* \*\* 1/2
33. *It Shoulda Been You* {TJ} \*\*
34. *Finding Neverland* [TJ] \*\* 1/2
35. *Hamlet* w Peter Sarsgaard at CSC [Noam] no stars
36. *The King And I* [Noam] \*\*\*
37. *Gigi* \* 1/2
38. *An American In Paris* [] \*\* 1/2
39. *Doctor Zhivago* [TJ] no stars
40. *Fun Home* [Noam] \*\* 1/2
41. *Living On Love* [TJ] \* 1/2
42. *Early Shaker Spirituals: A Record Album Interpretation* [solo] \*\*\*
43. *Airline Highway* [Noam] \* 1/2
44. *The Two Gentlemen Of Verona* (Fiasco Theatre) [Noam] \*\*\*
45. *The Visit* (w Chita Rivera) [Noam] \*\* 1/2
46. *The Sound And The Fury* (ERS) [Noam] \*\*
47. *Broadway By The Year: 1966-1990* [TJ] \*\*\*
48. *The Spoils* \* 1/2
49. *Ever After* (at Papermill) [Noam] \*\*
50. *Heisenberg* [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2
51. Marilyn Maye at 54 Below [TJ] \*\*\*

52. Kaiser Chiefs at Irving Plaza [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2
53. *What I Did Last Summer* (AR Gurney at Signature) [Noam] \*
54. Betty Buckley at Joe's Pub [Noam] \*\*\*
55. *Orville And Wilbur Did It* (reading w Bobby Steggert, Matt Doyle et al) [Noam] \*\*\*
56. *The Painted Rocks At Revolver Creek* (Athol Fugard at Signature) [Noam, Zoe, Cohen] \*\*\* 1/2
57. *An Act Of God* [TJ] \*\*
58. *The National High School Musical Theatre Awards* [Noam] \*\*\*
59. *Amazing Grace* [TJ] \*
60. *My Report To The World* (David Strathairn staged reading of play about Jan Karski) [Noam]
61. *The Absolute Brightness Of Leonard Pelkey* (James Lescene one-man play) [Noam] \*\* 1/2
62. *Cymbeline* (Shakespeare In The Park w Lily Rabe and Hamish Linklater) [Noam] \*\*\*
63. *John* (by Annie Baker at Signature) \*\*\* 1/2 [Noam, Zoe, Cohen, Robynne]
64. *Hamilton* (on Broadway) [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2 production of \*\*\*\* musical
65. *The Christians* (Playwrights Horizons) [Zoe] \*\*\*\
66. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Pearl Theatre Company) [Noam]
67. *Reread Another* (Target Margin at The Brick) \*\*
68. *Daddy Long Legs* (musical at Davenport) \*\*
69. *Spring Awakening* (2015 Bway revival by Deaf Theatre West) [Luis] \*\*\* 1/2
70. *Barbecue* (Public Theater) [Noam] \*\*
71. *Fool For Love* (w Nina Arianda, Sam Rockwell) [Noam] \*\* 1/2
72. *Old Times* (w Clive Owen) [Stephen Garrett] \*\*
73. *The Bandstand* (at Papermill) {TJ} \*\*\*\
74. *The Gin Game* (w James Earl Jones, Cicely Tyson) [Noam] \*\*
75. *Rothschild And Sons* (w Robert Cuccioli) \*\* 1/2
76. *The Inn At Lake Devine* [Noam] \*\*
77. *First Daughters Suite* (Public) [Zoe]
78. *Tannhauser* (at Met w Eva-Maria Westbroek, Johan Botha) \*\* 1/2
79. *Ripcord* (Holland Taylor) [Noam] \*\*
80. *Janitor* (mood piece at Hudson Park Carousel) [Noam] \*\*
81. *Dames At Sea* (Broadway) [TJ] \*\* 1/2
82. *The Humans* (Jane Houdyshell, Reed Birney) [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2
83. *Sylvia* (Matthew Broderick) [Luis] \*\*
84. *Therese Raquin* (Keira Knightley) [Noam] \* 1/2

85. *King Charles III* (Tim Piggott-Smith) [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2  
86. *Hir* (Taylor Mac play) [Zoe] \*\*  
87. *Henry IV* (Harriet Walter at St. Ann's in all-female production) \*\*\*  
88. *On Your Feet* [Luis] \*\*  
89. *Misery* (Bruce Willis) [Stephen Garrett] \*  
  
90. *A View From The Bridge* (Mark Strong) \*\*\*  
91. *Paper Bullets* (strong songs by Billie Joe Armstrong) [Noam] \*\*\*  
92. *China Doll* [Noam] \*  
93. *New York Animals* (Bedlam) (but strong songs by Steven Sater and Burt Bacharach) [Livia Belman-Wells] \*\* 1/2  
94. *Incident At Vichy* (Signature revival) [Zoe, Livia] \*\* 1/2  
95. *Night Is A Room* (Signature show) \*\*  
96. *School Of Rock* [Luis] \* 1/2  
97. The New Standards: The Holiday Show (w guests Nellie McKay, Fred Schneider, Julian Fleischer, Har Mar Superstar et al) [Noam] \*\*\* /  
98. *Lazarus* \* 1/2 [Dave Cohen]  
99. *Plaid Tidings* \*\* 1/2 [Cohen]  
100. *Marjorie Prime* \*\* [Noam]  
101. *The Color Purple* (Cynthia Erivo, Jennifer Hudson) [Noam] \*\* 1/2  
102. *Once Upon A Mattress* (Jackie Hoffman, John Epperson) [Cohen, Luis] \*\* 1/2  
103. Daniel Kitson's Christmas Show [Noam] \*\*\* 1/2 (marked off half a star cause no hot chocolate)

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