

Kickmag's 2010 Picks

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Hip-hop taken into the realms of soul and rock to create something different.

1. The Roots *How I Got Over*

[youtube]OMGd3mAfl-0[/youtube]

Sons of Olu Dara and Bob reach a common ground with an Afro-Diasporic sensibility.

2. Nas and Damian Marley *Distant Relatives*

[youtube]pvB1FYVDdng[/youtube]

Best R&B debut of the year.

3. Avery Sunshine

[youtube]gmKAYM2xqPA[/youtube]

Natalie Stewart's sensual solo piece is a keeper.

4. The Floacist *The Floacist Presents Floetic Soul*

[youtube]880s5Y5LD20&[/youtube]

A mighty return from one of the most underrated artists in the industry.

5. Faith Evans *Something About Faith*

[youtube]P5SkR5NkG0U[/youtube]

The better end of commercial rap.

6. Rick Ross *Teflon Don*

[youtube]phzHbzMu7E4[/youtube]

The dynamic duo once again.

7. Reflection *Eternal Revolutions Per Minute*

[youtube]3WL-J0uo7_Y[/youtube]

The producer/rapper continues to push himself.

8. Kanye West *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*

[youtube]XGXxvtc7BXU[/youtube]

Three chocolate souls embarking on a dance music trip fused with hip-hop and pop.

9. Dirty Money *Last Train To Paris*

[youtube]UBhdIcb84Hw[/youtube]

Artistic honesty bred a hit and good full-length collection.

10. Cee-Lo Green *The Lady Killer*

[youtube]CBhw5FUBHY8[/youtube]

A real comeback from a classic singer.

11. El DeBarge *Second Chance*

[youtube]2VUsJQzCDG0[/youtube]

A return to soul and harder beats a la *Subject*.

12. Dwele *W.ants W.orld W.omen*

[youtube]pwnefUaKCbc[/youtube]

Afro-Futurist R&B rock star.

13. Janelle Monae *The ArchAndroid*

[youtube]ZbAKKTL1Vj4[/youtube]

A reminder of when the female emcee was just an emcee.

14. Rah Digga *Classic*