

TOP 100 BLUES, SOUL, GOSPEL & ZYDECO CDS

Note: REAL BLUES 'Top Releases' charts are based on what CD's, DVD's, Books we have received in the previous 12 Calendar months. Like our Top 100 List all have been graded as 'Highly Recommended Purchases' and all selections are based solely on Artistic/Spiritual Merit. Selections have already been reviewed or will be within the next issue. This list is a 'Bribery-free' listing so you can 'take-it-to-the-bank'. (If you hope to have your CD on this list, the first step is to send us a review copy...)

1. Delaney Bramlett: A New Kind Of Blues (Magnolia Gold)
1. John Lee Hooker Jr.: All Odds Against Me (Steppin' Stone/Koch)
1. Travis Haddix: Daylight At Midnight (Earwig)
2. Clarence Spady: Just Between Us (Severn)
2. The Soul of John Black: Black John (Eclecto Groove)
2. Jason Ricci & New Blood: Done With The Devil (Eclecto Groove/Delta Groove)
3. Linda Hornbuckle/Janice Scroggins: Sista (PsycheDelta)
3. Eddy 'The Chief' Clearwater: West Side Strut (Alligator/Fusion3)
3. Billy Boy Arnold: Sings Sonny Boy (Electro-Fi)
3. Bocce Boogie Featuring Big Walter, Guitar Johnny Nicholas & Ronnie Earl (Topcat)
4. Hollywood Fats & The Paladins: Live 1985 (Topcat)
4. Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowouts (Electro Fi)
4. Los Fabulocos Featuring Kid Ramos (Delta Groove)
5. Pat Thomas: His Father's Son (Broke & Hungry)
5. Guitar Red: Lightnin' In A Bottle (Back Space)
5. Michael Burks: Iron Man (Alligator)
6. Robson Fernandes: Cool (Indie/Brazil)
6. Ernie Payne: Coercion Street (Black & Tan) * Voted Album Of The Decade/All Genres
7. David Egan: You Don't Know Your Mind (Rhonda Sue Records/Out Of The Past)
8. Jimi Bott: Bott & Paid For (Roseleaf)
8. Ari Berger Quartet: AB4 (ST2)
8. Jackie Payne/Steve Edmonson Band: Overnight Sensation (Delta Groove/Fusion 3)
9. Bobby Charles: Take Back My Country (Rice & Gravy)
9. Clarence Dobbins: The Uprising (CDS Records)
9. Theodis Ealey: Live (Ifgam)
9. The Mannish Boys: Big Plans (Delta Groove)
9. Steve Howell: My Mind Gets To Ramblin' (Out Of The Past/Flett Prod.)
10. Chicago Blues: A Living History (Raisin Music)
10. Johnny B and The Goodes: Have Mercy (Big Mo)
10. Kenny Neal: Let Life Flow (Blind Pig)
10. The Sean Carney Band: Life Of Ease (Nite Owlz)
10. Christian Dozzler: The Blues And A Half (Blueswave)

11. **Memo Gonzalez & The Bluescasters: Dynamite! (Crosscut)**
11. Bobby Jones: Coming Back Hard (Delta Groove)
11. Terry Hanck: Always (Vizztone)
12. Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malcolm: 2 Man Wrecking Crew (Delta Groove)
12. Taj Mahal: Maestro (Heads Up)
12. Big George Brock: Live At Seventy Five (Cathead)
12. Glenn Patrick: Mr. Blues Jr. (Indie)
13. Barbara Carr: Savvy Woman (CDS Records)
13. Bushmaster: Live & Blue (Indie)
13. Tomcat Courtney: Downsville Blues (Blue Witch Records)
13. Smokin' Joe Kubek & Bnois King: Blood Brothers (Alligator)
14. Cyril Neville: Brand New Blues (MC Records)
14. Billy Jones: My Hometown (Black & Tan)
14. Ruthie Foster: The Truth According To...(Blue Corn)
14. Chris Duarte: Vantage Point (Blues Bureau)
14. Ronnie Earl And The Broadcasters: Hope Radio (Stony Plain)
14. Fillmore Slim: The Legend of Fillmore Slim (Mountain Top)
15. Phantom Blues Band: Out Of The Shadows (Delta Groove)
15. Al "Coffee" McDaniel: Blues In My Shoes (CPA Records)
15. Rick Moore: Better Off With The Blues (Blues Boulevard)
16. Rick Moore/Jimmy Nalls: Slow Burnin' Fire (Blues Boulevard)
16. The Paul deLay Band: The Last Of The Best (Criminal)
16. Maurizio Pugno & Sugar Ray Norcia: That's What I Found (Pacific Blues)
17. Nellie 'Tiger' Travis: I'm A Woman (CDS)
17. Seth Walker: Leap Of Faith (Hyena Records)
17. Danny Brooks: No Easy Way Out (Rockin' Camel)
17. Blue Plate Special: Can You Dig It? (Prime)
17. Matthew Stubbs: Soul Bender (Viztone)
17. Earl Gilliam: Texas Doghouse Blues (Dialtone)
18. Mitch Kashmar: Live At Labatts (Delta Groove)
18. R.J. Mischo: King Of A Mighty Good Time (Challis Records)
18. Hot Monkey Love: Breakin' Evil (Brother Monk Records)
18. Terry Eckard Band: Rebel On The Highway (Waggle Tone)
19. The Cadillac Kings: Trouble In Store (33 Records)
19. Alice Stuart and The Formerlys: Freedom (Country con Fusion)
19. Igor Prado Band: Upside Down (Chico Blues Records)
19. Lil' Dave Thompson: Deep In The Night (Electro-Fi)
20. Travis Haddix: Mean Ole Yesterday (Wann-Sonn)
20. Albert Cummings Live: Feel So Good (Blind Pig/Stony Plain)
20. Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat: Tijuana Bible (Underworld Records)
20. **B.B. and The Blues Shacks: Unique Taste (Crosscut)**
20. Bernie Pearl: Somebody Got To Do It (Boulevard Music)
21. Boo Boo Davis: Name Of The Game (Black & Tan)
21. Donald Ray Johnson: Travelin' Man (Marvista)
21. Jimmy Hall: Rendezvous With The Blues (Rockin' Camel)
21. Magic Slim & The Teardrops: Midnight Blues (Blind Pig/Stony Plain)
21. Barry Darnell & The Mobile Slim Blues Band: Return of Mobile Slim (Preferred Records)

21. Elvin Bishop: *Booty Bumpin'* (Blind Pig/Stony Plain)
22. Jeffery Broussard and The Creole Cowboys: *Keepin' The Tradition Alive* (Maison de Soul)
22. Big Shanty: *Sold Out* (King Mojo Records)
23. Bruce Katz Band: *Live! At The Firefly* (Vizztone)
23. Steve Guyger: *Radio Blues* (Severn)
24. Dave Riley & Bob Corritore: *Travelin' The Dirt Road* (Blue Witch)
24. Andy Santana: *Take Me With You* (Indie)
25. Jay Gordon and The Penetrators: *Gold Rings Silver Bullets* (Shuttle)
25. Davis Coen: *Blues Lights For Yours And Mine* (Soundview)
25. Mike Leavy: *The Strange Cat People* (Strange Cat)
25. Byther Smith: *Blues On The Moon* (Delmark)
26. Super Chikan: *Sum' Mo' Chikan* (Vizztone)
26. Trudy Lynn: *I'm Still Here* (Sawdust Alley)
26. Robi Zonca Featuring Luther Kent/LIVE!: *Magic Box* (Indie)
26. Eddie C. Campbell: *Mind Trouble* (Wolf) *reissue
27. Tom 'Blues Man' Hunter: *Down In The Bottom* (Great Blues Recordings)
27. Albert White: *Soul Of The Blues* (Music Maker)
28. Trevor Caswell: *Folksinger Blues* (Indie)
28. Carey & Lurrie Bell: *Gettin' Up, Live* (Delmark)
29. Paul Rishell & Annie Raines: *A Night In Woodstock* (Mojo Rodeo)
29. Terry Blerish (Indie)
29. Dennis Gruenling: *I Just Keep Lovin' Him* (BackBender)
29. Eddie Skuller: *The Morphine Berry Story* (Indie)
30. Dicky Williams And The Ken Massey Group: *I'm Back Again* (CDS Records)
30. Chris Duarte Group: *Blue Velocity* (Blues Bureau)
30. GAS: *Oriental Mood* (Mosaic Music)
30. Kirby Sewell: *A Tonic For Your Soul* (Indie)
30. Jimmy Burns: *Live At B.L.U.E.S.* (Delmark)
30. The San Francisco Gospel Singers: *Walk In The Light* (Feelin' Good Records)
31. Isaac Scott: *Posthumous Blues Live* (Hotel Motel Records)
32. Joe Doucet: *Houston's Third Ward Blues* (Dialtone)
32. Paul Filipowicz Live: *Chickenwire* (Big Jake)
32. James Hilton: *Out There!* (Bone Dog)
32. Jimi Bott: *Live Volume 1/Cheap Thrills* (Roseleaf)
33. Jake Lear: *Lost Time Blues* (Indie)
33. Nuno Mindelis: *Texas Bound* (Beast Music)
33. Lonnie Shields: *Keeper Of The Blues* (Greater Planet Enter.)
33. Sean Costello: *We Can Get Together* (Delta Groove)
34. Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas: *Hang It High, Hang It Low* (Rounder)
34. Ray Reed: *Where The Trinity Runs Free* (Dialtone)
34. Mississippi Heat: *Hattiesburg Blues* (Delmark)
35. The Strangetones: *We're On Our Way* (Meteor Sonic Records)
35. Amos Garrett: *Get Way Back/Tribute To Percy Mayfield* (Stony Plain)
35. Family Meeting: *Various Artists Soundtrack* (Ruf)
35. Steve Rowe: *Five* (Blue Skunk)
35. Duke Robillard: *A Swingin' Session* (Stony Plain)
35. Bobby Charles: *Homemade Songs* (Rice 'n Gravy)

36. Patrick Sweany: Every Hour Is A Dollar Gone (Nine Mile Records)
36. Big Shanty: Ride With The Wind (King Mojo)
36. Richard Ray Farrell & Steve Guyer: Down Home Old School Country Blues (Blue Beet)
36. Thorbjorn Risager: Here I Am (Cope Records)
36. Dennis Binder: Hole In That Jug (Earwig)
37. Robi Zonca: Rebel! (Indie)
37. Bernard Allison: Chills & Thrills (Jazzhaus)
37. Eddie Tigner: Slippin' In (Music Maker)
37. Jason Ricci & New Blood: Engine Number 9 (Eclecto Groove/Delta Groove)
38. The Suitcase Brothers: Walk On (Amphora)
38. Bharath And His Rhythm Four: Friday Night Fatty (Indie)
38. Big James: Thank God I Got The Blues (Jamot)
38. Cleveland Fats: The Way Things Go (Honeybee Ent)
38. Lonnie Shields: Keeper Of The Blues (Greater Planet Ent.)
38. DynaGroove Allstars: Brand New Key (Indie)
38. Mike Zito: Today (Eclecto Groove)
38. House Rockin' And Blues Shoutin': Celebrating 15 Years of The Rhythm Room (Blue Witch)
39. The Soul of John Black: The Good Girl Blues (Cadabra Records)
39. The Alex Dixon Band: Rising From The Bushes (Dixon Landing Music)
39. The Hep Cat Boo Daddies: Hotrodsexgod (Indie)
40. Dalannah Gail Bowen: Mamma's Got The Blues (Quest)
40. Isaac Scott Posthumous Blues Live (Hotel Motel Records)
40. Kurt Crandall: Get Wrong With Me (YesterYear)
40. The Bad Daddys (Reversing Recordings)
40. New Guitar Summit -J. Geils, Duke Robillard, Gerry Beaudoin: Shivers! (Stony Plain)
41. T-Model Ford: Jack Daniel Time (Mud Puppy Recordings)
41. Ricky Gene Hall & The Goods: Bam! (Yard Dawg Records)
41. Adolphus Bell: One Man Band (Music Maker)
41. Ray Bonneville: Goin' By Feel (Red House)
41. Bob Petrocelli: Shanghai Shuffle (Ortep Music)
42. Bobby Rush: Raw (Deep Rush)
42. Chris Harper And Sharade Band: Blues Is My Life (Indie)
42. Mark LaForme: Vintage (Alleged Iguana Music)
43. John Parker: John Parker (Running Monkey)
43. Greg Juke & The Mighty NoStars: Blues Power (Blue Buffalo)
43. Mitch Woods: Jukebox Drive (El Toro)
44. Roxy Perry: In My Sweet Time (Blue Perry Hill Records)
44. Little Andrew: Rock Back To Bottom (Hunter Records)
44. Jerome Godboo: Humdinger (Indie)
44. Motor City Josh: A Tribute To Howlin' Wolf (Ford Music Co.)
44. Mr. Keith Little: Take It Off And Get Loose With It (Indie)
44. Chris Harper and Sharade Band: Blues Is My Life (Indie)
44. Root Doctor: Live At The Cadillac Club (Big O Records)
45. Linda Taylor/Threshold: Sum Blues (Rubicon)
45. Mauricio Sahady & Blues Groovers: Laundromat 335 (DeLira Blues)
45. Bert Deivert: Takin' Sam's Advice (Indie)

45. Jo' Buddy & Down Home King III: Whole Lotta Things To Do (Ram-Bam)
46. Rene Evald: Conpenhagen Time (BackUp Music)
46. Terry Garland: Whistling In The Dark (Silvermoon Records)
47. Darrell Nulisch: Goin' Back To Dallas (Severn)
48. Foree 'Guitar' Wells & The Walnut St. Blues Band: It's A New Day Brother! (Stackhouse)
48. Mick Martin & The Blues Rockers All Star Revue: Way Down South (Blues Rock)
49. The Homemade Jamz Blues Band: Pay Me No Mind (Northern Blues)
49. Mick Martin & The Blues Rockers: Jumpin' At Jack's (Blues Rock)
49. Booboo Davis: Drew, Mississippi (Black & Tan)
49. Hills and Lemelin: Neither Here Nor There (H&L Records)
49. Blue Junction: Live-Out of Love (In The House Records)
49. Little Arthur Duncan: Live At Rosa's Blues Lounge (Delmark)
50. D.C. Bellamy: Give Some Body To Somebody (Stackhouse)
50. Dave Spector: Live In Chicago (Delmark)
50. Lurrie Bell: Let's Talk About Love (Aria B.G. Records)
50. Roy Roberts: It's Only You (Rock House)
50. Boo Hanks: Pickin' Low Cotton (Music Maker)
51. Marcia Ball: Love, Peace & BBQ (Alligator/Fusion 3)
51. The Carter Brothers: Singing The Blues (Kon-Kord)
51. Warner Williams & Jay Summerour: Down 'N' Dirty (Patuxent)
52. The Informants: Stiletto Angel (Wipe It Off! Records)
52. Filisko & Noden: Live! (Diving Duck)
52. Deb Callahan: Grace and Grit (Indie)
53. Lee Gates: Black Lucy's Deuce (Music Maker)
54. Dave Avery: Feel Good For Awhile (Bonedog Records)
54. Omar Kent Dykes & Jimmie Vaughn: On The Jimmy Reed Highway (Ruf)
54. Mike Hallal Band: Live At Lizard Lounge (Pi Records)
55. Georgette Fry: Back In A Moment (Spare Rib)
55. Capital B: Cocktails By The Dumpster (Indie)
55. Los Lonely Boys: Sacred (Epic/Sony)
55. Nick Vigarino: Temptation Road
56. Nat Dove and The Neo Classic Blues Ensemble: Real Texas Blues Piano (Tri Clef Music)
56. Big Pete Pearson: I'm Here Baby (Blue Witch)
56. MHMM: Do Not Disturb (Banksville)
57. Malkum Gibson and The Mighty Juke Band: Hoodoo Blues (Whata' Record)
57. Phillip Walker: Going Back Home (Delta Groove)
57. Mike Goudreau and The Boppin' Blues Band: Boppin' 15 (PMG)
58. Johnny Max Band: A Lesson I've Learned (Pour Soul)
58. John 'Juke' Logan: The Truth Will Rock You (Mocombo)
58. The Bonedaddys: Waterslide (ComboTempo)
58. Paul Gabriel and His Blues Band: Shuffle The Deck (Smoke Ring)
58. Too Slim and The Taildraggers: Free Your Mind (Underworld Records)
58. Michael Osborn: What Goes Around (Checkerboard)
59. Big Ron Hunter: Pouring Out The Blues (Rock House)
59. Alvon: Guitars and Cars (Pig Heaven)
59. Orb Mellon: Moan (V-Hold Records)

59. Harrison Kennedy: High Country Blues (Electro-Fi)
60. Lil' Dave Thompson: Got To Get Over You (Electro-Fi)
60. 112 North Duck: I Took The Hook (Indie)
60. Malkum Gibson and The Mighty Juke Band: It's Gonna Be Alright (Whata' Record)
61. Lew Jetton & Highway 61 South (Tales From A 2-Lane (61 South)
61. Big Joe Shelton: Black Prairie Blues (45 Records)
62. Let The Goodtimes Roll: A New Tribute To Ray Charles (PLP)
62. Kenny 'Blues Boss' Wayne: Can't Stop Now (Electro-Fi)
62. Bill Lupkin & Friends: Where I Come From (Blue Bella)
63. Walter Jr.: The River Club (Gatortone)
63. Steve Kozak's Westcoast Blues Revue: Hoot 'N Holler (Indie)
64. Jay McShann: Hootie Blues (Stony Plain)
65. Piney Brown: One Of These Days (Bonedog)
65. Billy Gibson Band: Southern Living (Inside Sounds)
65. Jack de Keyzer: Blues Thing (Blue Star)
66. Jimmy Hall: Build Your Own Fire (Zoho)
66. Roomful of Blues: Raisin' A Ruckus (Alligator)
66. Dave Fields: Time's A Wastin' (FMI Records)
66. Bill Clark & Deacon Jones: Late Again (Nile Lotus)
67. Celso Salim: Big City Blues (GRV)
68. The Mississippi Marvel: The World Must Never Know (Broke & Hungry)
68. The Mannish Boys: Live & In Demand (Delta Groove)
68. Gaye Adegbalola: Gaye Without Shame (Vizztone)
68. Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues: Backbone & Gristle (Plantation #1)
69. Bernie Pearl: Old School Blues (Bee Bump)
69. Matt Walker: Low Down (Indie)
70. Jake Lear: Love And Charm (Indie)
70. Walter 'Wolfman' Washington: Doin' The Funky Thing (Zoho)
70. Carla Olson: Dark Horse (Blues Boulevard)
70. Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble Free Your Mind (Louisiana Soul)
70. Mark Hummel: Ain't Easy No More (Electro Fi)
71. Gail 'Mojo' Muldrow: Live At Rapperswil (Feelin' Good)
71. Rene Evald: Copenhagentime (BackUp Music)
72. The Blue Voodoo: Back To The Shack (Blue Voodoo)
72. Memo Gonzalez & The Blue Casters: Live In The U.K. (Crosscut)
72. Dave Fields: All Wound Up (Fields Music Inc)
73. Randy McAllister: Dope Slap Soup (Reaction Records)
74. Gail 'Mojo' Muldrow: Peace Of Mind (Feelin' Good)
74. Shirley Jackson & Her Good Rockin' Daddys: Comfort Food (Indie)
75. Watermelon Slim and The Workers: No Paid Holidays (Northern Blues)
75. Duke Robillard: World Full Of Blues (Stony Plain)
76. Sugarcane Collins: Way Down The River (Indie)
76. Fontaine Brown: Tales From The Fence Line (Manatee)
76. Bradley/McGillivray Blues Band: Livin' This Way (Sense and Soul)
77. Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley: Night Bird Blues (Electro Fi)
77. Dan Mahar: Long Stone's Throw (White Smoke)
77. Big G & The Real Deal: Chicago Blues Party (Toucan Cove/Universal)
78. Big George Brock: Round Two (Cathead)

78. Mark Kerr: One Drink Away From The Blues (Indie)
78. Patrick Sweeney Band: C'mon C'mere (Nine Mile Records)
79. Texas Allstar Big Band Bash Live! (Top Cat)
79. Gerald Charlie: Out There (Black Owl)
80. Larry McCray: Live On Interstate 75 (Magnolia)
80. DeDe Priest: Candy Moon (Creeping Fig Records)
80. George Higgs: Rainy Day (Music Maker)
81. Joey Gilmore: The Ghosts of Mississippi Meet The Gods Of Africa (Bluzpik)
81. Sweet Betty: Live & Let Live (Music Maker)
81. Alex Gomez: Outdoor Kitchen (Deltaelectric)
81. Eddie Burns: 2nd Degree Burns (Blue Suit)
81. The Hollywood Blue Flames: Road to Rio (Delta Groove)
82. Fillmore Slim: The Game (Mountain Top)
82. Joan Armatrading: Into The Blues (429 Records/Universal)
82. Johnny Ferreira: Rock & Roll Saxaphonist (Pair-A-Dice)
82. Koko Taylor: Old School (Alligator/Fusion 3)
83. Mitch Kashmar: Wake Up & Worry (Delta Groove)
83. Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials: Rattlesnake (Alligator)
83. Mike Morgan and The Crawl: Stronger Every Day (Severn)
83. Little Albert & The Blues Stars: Two Thumbs & A Finger (Pig Heaven)
83. Rick Holmstrom: Late In The Night (MC)
84. Dion: Bronx In Blue (Razor & Tie)
85. Orb Mellon: Love Above (Indie)
86. Jacob & The Jackals: South From Memphis (House Rockin')
86. The Oozie Blues: Blues School (Indie)
86. Odell Harris: Searching For Odell Harris (Broke & Hungry)
87. Saturday Nite Fish Fry: Dirt Road Blues (7 Arts)
88. **B.B. & The Blues Shacks: Live At The Van Der Linden (Crosscut)**
88. Marie Knight: Let Us Get Together (MC)
88. Billy Jones: tha' Bluez (Black & Tan)
89. Ernest Lane: The Blues Is Back (Acoustic Music)
89. The Kilborn Alley Blues Band: Put It In The Alley (Blue Bella)
89. Chris James and Patrick Rynn: Stop And Think About It (Earwig)
90. Saffire The Uppity Blues Women: Havin' The Last Word (Alligator)
90. Paul Oscher: Down In The Delta (Blues Fidelity)
90. Satan & Adam: Word On The Street (Modern Blues Harmonica Product)
90. NYC Blues Devils: Hell Yeah! (Hyperspace Records)
91. Slidin' Clyde Roulette Band: Let's Take A Ride (Indie)
92. Dennis Jones: Passion For The Blues (Blue Rock)
93. Nappy Brown: Long Time Coming (Blind Pig/Stony Plain)
94. Al Smyth: Comfort Me (Indie)
94. Sauce Boss: Raw (Burning Disk)
95. Texas Harmonica Rumble (Dialtone)
95. Ron Hacker: Mr. Bad Boy (Maximum Folk)
95. Ernie Southern: Prozac Blues (Indie)
96. Lynwood Slim: Last Call (Delta Groove)
96. The Twisters: After The Storm (Northern Blues)
97. James 'Blood' Ulmer: Bad Blood In The City (Hyena/Fusion 3)

- 97. Earl Gaines Is Back! The Different Feelings of Blues & Soul (Blue-Fye)**
- 97. B.C. Read: Bowl Of Sugar (Indie)**
- 97. Ronnie Baker Brooks: The Torch (Watch Dog)**
- 98. Nick Moss and the Flip Tops: Live At Chan's (Blue Bella)**
- 98. Wes Mackey: The Bluesman (Bluesline)**
- 99. John Campbell John: Weight of The World (Nood)**
- 100. Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers: For The Chosen Who (Delta Groove)**