

There are lots of folksy singers I could recommend, firstly I will strongly suggest an album called Empire Builder, by Laura Gibson, best tracks being Not Harmless & Damn Sure. Also if you are a fan of Joni Mitchell, The Weather Station is worth a listen.

For any Dylan fans out there you, like me will no doubt realise it's probably the 70s when he last produced any good music. So you could listen to Jake Bug, with tracks Broken & Country Song the highlights for me. Also along these lines The Handsome family are more than worth a listen, & start with Far From Any Road.

Country music, I still love Willie Nelson & think his voice has matured over the years. But there is a mass of good Country music out there, I saw a band fill the Royal Albert Hall, when people were saying to me 'never heard of them'. So good were they we went to see them again shortly after at the Brighton Pavillion. Their name 'First Aid Kit', start with Emmylou & The Lions Roar. The other Artist I really awaited to turn up in England was Jolie Holland. My day had come & went to see her at a small venue, only to be disappointed as she changed her style & it's the first concert I left after 6 songs. & I lasted longer than some. But still love an album called 'The Living and the dead', so if you like a drawing Country/Folk style give it a listen.

Bluegrass ... look at The Peterson Family on u tube.

All genres.....very young & very talented, busking in shopping centres in Ireland. Allie Sherlock is amazing.

If you like a singer covering different genres, I saw a singer in a trans Atlantic session, & all who followed said 'how do we follow that'. Rhiannon Giddens covers Gospel, jazz, folk Country & Bluegrass. She has a powerful voice.

The singer I have listened to the most over the past 3 years is Sia. If you like a female with a powerful & emotional voice the songs to listen to are ...Blown it all away. Day too soon, Midnight decisions, Confetti, breath me, Day too soon & I could go on. She has a lot of great catchy tunes too. Also has written hit for other top artistes. Has a big back catalogue, with some gems from her obscure years.

For anyone who has got this far, I am gonna throw in some acquired taste music.

One of the best concerts I have been to was last year, it was a band called 'Soap And Skin', their genre Experimental, there were waves of music coming from the stage. Tracks to start 'Me and the Devil' & 'Surrounded'.

Angry singer Meg Myers, songs Adelaide, Monster & Sorry worth a listen.

One of my favourite bands over the past 10 years is Cocorosie. Some years ago I had two tickets to see them at The Royal

Festival Hall, asked my partner Viv to listen before we went, only to be told 'they are a bit too weird for me'. They are classed as 'freak folk'. The two sisters in the band, one is Opera trained and the other I can only explain as Bjork on helium. So I know it would not be many of you that would

even give it a listen. But the next time I got tickets & Viv did me a favour & came with me she said it was one of the best she had ever been to.

The only hit single they have had is Lemonade, worth a listen & Japan for starters.

The last one I am going to throw in the ring is someone I have seen three times in concert. C W Stoneking...when I first listened to his music I thought it was a recording from the 1920/30s..So if Blues is your thing give it a go. He also has some funny little stories with his songs.....



Thank you Jeff a very interesting article.



Lyn has been keeping her son and his partner busy building a new pond and water feature in the garden.

I think they have done a great job. Well done boys.

