

## WEMU - BEST of 2011

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2011 was a great year for new recordings, as evidenced in the selections submitted by WEMU program hosts.

Now, it's your turn!

Nominate your favorites (they must have been released within the 2011 calendar year) – either from the lists posted below, or nominate up to two write-ins.

Five voters will be winners as well. We are giving away five CD grab bags containing some of the finest CDs released in 2011 to five listener poll participants.

When we get your votes, we will post your top picks. Deadline is midnight, Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Winning recordings and the winning listeners will be announced on-air Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your participation. It was a great year for new Jazz, Blues, Latin, World, and Roots music.

Make your votes count. You might win a fantastic WEMU CD grab bag!!!

### WEMU STAFF - BEST RECORDINGS OF 2011

#### GOLD AWARD-BEST JAZZ CD OF 2011

Stefon Harris/David Sanchez/Christian Scott  
“Ninety Miles” (Concord Picante)

#### SILVER AWARD-BEST JAZZ CD

James Carter “At The Crossroads” (Emarcy)  
Giacomo Gates “The Revolution Will Be Jazz – The Songs Of Gil Scott-Heron” (Savant)

Terrell Stafford “This Side Of Strayhorn” (Max Jazz)

#### BRONZE AWARD-BEST JAZZ CD

Monty Alexander “Harlem-Kingston Express” (Motema)  
Bill Frisell “All We Are Saying...” (Savoy)  
James Farm (Nonesuch)  
Rene Marie “Black Lace Freudian Slip” (Motema)  
David Murray-Cuban Ensemble  
“Plays Nat ‘King’ Cole En Espanol” (Motema)  
Rebirth Brass Band “Rebirth Of New Orleans” (Basin Street)  
Trombone Shorty “For True” (Verve Forecast)

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### HONORABLE MENTION-JAZZ CD's

Steven Bernstein-Millennial

Territory Orchestra

"MTO Plays Sly" (Royal Potato Family)

Gary Burton "Common Ground" (Mack Avenue)

Gerald Clayton "Paris - The Bond Sessions" (Emarcy)

Chick Corea/Stanley

Clarke/Lenny White "Forever" (Concord)

Roy Haynes "Roy-alty" (Dreyfus)

Christian McBride

"Conversations" (Mack Avenue)

Craig Taborn "Avenging Angel" (ECM)

### GOLD AWARD-BEST BLUES CD's OF 2011

Etta James "The Dreamer" (Verve Forecast)

### SILVER AWARD-BEST BLUES CD

Booker T. Jones "The Road From Memphis" (Anti-Inc.)

### BRONZE AWARD-BEST BLUES CD's

Susan Tedeschi/Derek Trucks "Revelator" (Sony)

### HIGH HONORABLE MENTION-BLUES CD's

Raphael Saadiq "Stone Rollin'" (Columbia)

### HONORABLE MENTION-BEST BLUES CD's

Gregg Allman "Low Country Blues" (Rounder)

Tab Benoit "Medicine" (Telarc)

Earl Thomas "Introducing The Blues Ambassadors" (ETM)

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne "An Old Rock On A Roll" (Stony Plain)

Johnny Winter "Roots" (Megaforce)

### GOLD AWARD-BEST LATIN JAZZ CD OF 2011

Miguel Zenon "Alma Adentro - The Puerto Rican Songbook" (Marsalis Music)

### SILVER AWARD-BEST LATIN JAZZ CD

Sammy Figueroa-Latin Jazz Explosion "Urban Nature" (Senator)

Bobby Sanabria-Manhattan School Of Music Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra

Tito Puente Masterworks Live! (Jazzheads)

### BRONZE AWARD-BEST LATIN JAZZ CD

Poncho Sanchez/Terence Blanchard "Chano Y Dizzy" (Concord Picante)

Jane Bunnett/Hilario Duran "Cuban Rhapsody" (Alma)

Jerry Gonzalez "Y El Comando De La Clave" (Sunnyside)

Mambo Legends Orchestra "Watch Out!" (MLO Inc.)

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Francisco Mela-Cuban Safari  
"Tree Of Life" (High Note)  
HONORABLE MENTION-LATIN JAZZ  
CD's

Pablo Aslan "Piazzolla In  
Brooklyn" (Soundbrush)  
Silvano Monasterios  
"Unconditional" (Savant)  
Arturo O'Farrill-Afro-Latin Jazz  
Orchestra "40 Acres & A Burro"  
(Zoho)

### GOLD AWARD-BEST WORLD MUSIC CD

Vinicius Cantuaria/Bill Frisell  
"Lagrimas Mexicanas" (E1)

### SILVER AWARD-BEST WORLD MUSIC CD

Vieux Farka Toure "The Secret"  
(Six Degrees)

### BRONZE AWARD-BEST WORLD MUSIC CD

Cheikh Lo "Jamm" (World  
Circuit/Nonesuch)  
Vusi Mahlasela "Say Africa!"  
(ATO)

### GOLD AWARD-BEST LOCAL MUSIC CD

George Bedard "Pickin' Apart The  
Past" (Bosstastic)

### SILVER AWARD-BEST LOCAL MUSIC CD

Shari Kane/Dave Steele "Four  
Hands Blues" (Big Bones)  
Root Doctor Featuring Freddie  
Cunningham "Joy" (RDCD)

### BRONZE AWARD-BEST LOCAL MUSIC CD

Maureen Choi "Quartet" (MCM)  
Greg Nagy "Fell Toward None"  
(Big O/Vizztone)  
Lyman Woodard Organization  
Orchestra "Live In Detroit"  
(Uuquipleu)

### GOLD AWARD-BEST ROOTS/AMERICANA CD OF 2011

Dave Alvin "Eleven Eleven" (Yip  
Roc)

### SILVER AWARD-BEST ROOTS/AMERICANA CD

Sally Ford-The Sound Outside  
"Dirty Radio" (Partisan)

### BRONZE AWARD-BEST ROOTS/AMERICANA CD's

Ry Cooder "Pull Up Some Dust &  
Sit Down" (Nonesuch/Perro  
Verde)  
Orpheum Bell "The Old Sister's  
Home" (OB CD)  
Kitty, Daisy & Lewis "Smoking In  
Heaven" (Verve Forecast)  
Chris Thile/Michael Daves "Sleep  
With One Eye Open" (Nonesuch)

### GOLD AWARD-HISTORICAL/BOX SET/COMPILATION-COLLECTIONS CD

Miles Davis "Live In Europe - 1967;  
The Bootleg Series, Vol. 1"  
(Columbia)

**SILVER AWARD-HISTORICAL/BOX  
SET/COMPILATION-COLLECTIONS**

**CD's**

*Sir Roland Hanna "Colors From A  
Giant's Kit" (IPO)*

*Julius Hemphill "Dogon A.D."  
(International Phonograph/Arista  
Freedom)*

*Various Artists "Red Hot + Rio 2"  
(E1)*

**BRONZE AWARD-HISTORICAL/BOX  
SET/COMPILATION-COLLECTIONS**

**CD**

*Miles Davis "Bitches Brew 40th  
Anniversary Box Set" (Columbia)*