



Next month, Jack White's Third Man Records will release a new greatest hits album by The White Stripes. For White, it's another classic anachronistic move: In the age of streaming platforms, greatest hits compilations have become all but extinct. But it's also warranted and even necessary revisionism for one of the great (and misunderstood) bands of their era. Almost a decade after they broke up, The White Stripes are even more out-of-step with the pop mainstream in 2020 than they were during the era of nu-metal and teen pop. In their time, The White Stripes were as unlikely a world-conquering band as Nirvana was in the early '90s. Their formula of commingling a plainly constructed mythos — a brother-sister band dressed like peppermint candies — with utterly simple and gut-level blues-based rock proved to be remarkably resilient, both commercially and artistically, over the course of six albums. Check out our list of our 30 favorite White Stripes songs [here](#).

-- Steven Hyden, Uproxx Cultural Critic and author of *This Isn't Happening: Radiohead's "Kid A" and the Beginning of the 21st Century*



***In case you missed it...***

As the weather gets colder, we took the liberty of adding a [new playlist](#) to our YouTube channel to soundtrack your melancholy walks through the snow.

In a year without live shows, live albums have become an important part of being a music fan. The [new episode](#) of *Indiecast* is all about live albums.

In a great upset, **Dave Grohl** has [admitted defeat](#) to 10-year-old prodigy **Nandi Bushell** after their long-running drum battle.

According to MSNBC, **Bob Dylan** is [dead](#). (He is not.)

The latest **Indie Mixtape 20 Q&A** is with [The Sonder Bombs](#), who know every word to Harry Styles' *Fine Line*.

**What's your favorite  
White Stripes song?**

[Cast your vote](#)



**OPENING TRACKS**



## ***THE WAR ON DRUGS***

A new studio album from The War On Drugs is on our list of musical hopes for 2021. In the meantime, however, the excellent new live release *Live Drugs* will more than tide us over, offering 10 songs from the band's recent albums that now sound absolutely arena-sized.

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***THE WEATHER***



***MATT SWEENEY &***

## **STATION**

This singer-songwriter otherwise known as Tamara Lindeman specializes in incisive, insightful songwriting set to warm, organic sounds that evoke the glory years of sensitive tunesmiths in the 1960s and '70s. Her fifth studio album, *Ignorance*, is her first work since 2017's *The Weather Station*, and arrives February 5.

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## **BONNIE "PRINCE" BILLY**

You might recognize this indie-rock dynamic duo from their classic mid-aughts collaboration *Superwolf*. While their paths have only fitfully intersected since then, we've always hoped that Sweeney and Will Oldham would find reason to work together again. The new single "Make Worry For Me" thankfully lived up to expectations.

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## **DEEP CUTS**



### **GANSER**

This ferocious post-punk band from Chicago has been a recent favorite here at Indie Mixtape HQ, though we have to admit to



### **CHARLIE KAPLAN**

As we ease into a holiday weekend, it might be nice to wallow in some laidback-dude folk rock. If that sounds good to you,

sleeping on their sophomore effort, *Just Look At That Sky*, earlier this year. Don't make the same mistake we did — this band snarls and glowers with the best of them.

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we recommend ambling over to *Sunday*, the latest album by Charlie Kaplan. His meandering tunes have a way of worming into your heart.

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## VINYL OF THE WEEK

### ***EARLY ACCESS TO RHINO'S HUGE BLACK FRIDAY SALE***



The holidays are right around the corner, and what better gift than an epic vinyl box set? Lucky for you, Rhino is getting ahead of the rush in their Early Bird Black Friday Sale, offering 15% Off Storewide PLUS Free Domestic Shipping. Pick up career-spanning sets from Wilco, Fleetwood

Mac, Joy Division, Lou Reed, and more. (Some exclusions are applied.)

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## THROWBACK

### *'THE PIPER AT THE GATES OF DAWN' by PINK FLOYD*



The debut album by these classic rock gods is still an indie-rock touchstone more than 50 years after its release. Your fave garage rock and spacy psych outfit already has this memorized by now, but it's always worth a revisit.

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## LINER NOTES

*A GUIDE TO THE  
BEST WAR ON DRUGS  
BOOTLEGS*



If you love *Live Drugs*, you'll want to check out these great live bootlegs by The War On Drugs.


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