

year. *Tree Colored See* is really dreamy, psychedelic folk with Nobody beats.

Spank Rock, *YoYoYoYoYoYo* (Big Dada)

Spank Rock's triple x-plosive (and tightly produced) debut album was enough to make me drive my booty to Portland twice this year to shake it at their live show.

Hot Chip, *The Warning* (DFA)

Hot Chip will break your legs / snap off your head / Hot Chip will put you down / under the ground.

Cosmo Baker, *Love Breaks 2* (White)

Cosmo Baker schooled me with his sample lesson, *Love Breaks 2*. Learn where Dilla, Dre and Kanye got it with this 74 minute mix of classic soul. Not to mention it's nice music for sexy time. High five!

B. Cause and Max Kane, *Night of the Remix* (White)

B. Cause also put out a really great rare soul compilation this year with Matthew Africa entitled *Soul Boulders*. But *Night of the Remix* slam dunks remix disc of the year. B. and Max Kane flip a lot of entertaining and unusual blends that work perfectly. All I gotta say is George Michael and Three Six Mafia.



Justice, *Waters of Nazareth* EP (Ed Banger)

Ed Banger Records owned dance music in '06. *Waters of Nazareth* was unlike anything I'd heard. I must have played the title track a gazillion times after I got this. Full length due sometime next year.

Tapes 'n Tapes, *The Loon* (XL Recordings)

The Loon is extremely catchy and loopable ... (and the singer, Josh Grier, is from Eugene.)

Ghostface Killah, *Fishscale* (Def Jam)

Big year for Ghostdeini! The Ironman put out two albums and toured. "Beauty Jackson" is my favorite hip hop track of 2006. Straight poetry over one of J Dilla's *Donuts*!

Justin King, *The Raging Family Le Bleu Sessions*

Raging Family chopped up and obliterated Justin King's album into something that I like to listen to. "Mill Creek" sounds like an Oregon hike. "Especially You" is probably my favorite song by a local artist.

Marv Ellis, *Underwater Not Underground*

Local emcee Marv Ellis closed out this year by dropping a solid, conscious album that is 100 percent homegrown hip hop. Only had this CD for a few weeks, but I already like it enough to mention.



For Brett Campbell's year-end picks, see his column, page 33.

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