

CHILL'S Summer Anthems 2010

IF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD'S ROCKIN', DON'T COME A KNOCKIN'

by Michael Burton

SUMMER – THREE GLORIOUS MONTHS FULL OF SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND EXCITEMENT. Think back on your childhood and I bet almost every rock anthem in your head has some memorable connection to the season of sun. The industry has changed a lot since then – and so have the marketing schemes, radio play lists and even how we listen to music. So, what's going to be the big ear-worm for the summer of 2010?



HERE ARE CHILL'S PICKS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER ANTHEMS:

Weezer: "(If You're Wondering If I Want You To) I Want You To"

Are your feet tapping yet? They should be – because this is one of those songs that you'll be putting on repeat. When you head down to the cottage, venture on that summer road trip you've been planning – this is the song that will get the entire car singing. Start chasing the girls – because you ain't got all night.

Jack Johnson: "You and Your Heart"

Lay back and drift off into that warm fuzzy feeling that is Jack Johnson. The surfer and musician has done it again – and this single from *To The Sea* can put a smile on the face of anyone. Enjoy – and let this song pull you into the world of Jack Johnson – and the way summer should be, amazing.



JACK JOHNSON

The Dudes: "The Girl Police" 

I am obsessed with The Dudes and their sing-a-long style of easy rock. This is a great Canadian band right here – and their album *Blood Guts Bruises and Cuts* is the summer album you've been looking for. You can chill out to these guys on the patio or at a party – and I assure you everyone will be happy. Catchy stuff – and the lyrics are all about stealing girlfriends, so watch out!

Travis McCoy: "Billionaire"

Lets switch gears for a second. This is hip-hop that is sure to get any party going – and this song just screams summer. It's a light, fun, and memorable tune that you and your friends can smile and sing-a-long to. McCoy is the front man of the rock band *Gym Class Heroes* – so if you dig his solo work, check out his full band too.

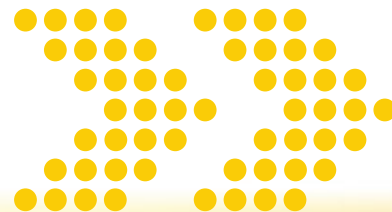


City and Colour featuring Gord Downie:  "Sleeping Sickness"

This song is incredible – a compilation between two high-regarded Canadian musicians – Dallas Green of *City and Colour*, and Gord Downie of *The Tragically Hip*. It's a slow, passionate, and incredibly powerful song that has cemented itself in Canadian music history. This song sends shivers down my spine, and no summer music playlist would be complete without it. Get up, do it, and start clapping your hands to the beat of this summer hit.

Them Crooked Vultures: "Mind Eraser (No Chaser)"

Check this song out from the super-group Them Crooked Vultures, it will definitely heat things up. This incredible three-piece band is mixture of hard, heavy hitting rock – and head bobbing rhythms that is a little on the aggressive side. It really sounds like *Queens of The Stone Age* – with a little more "umph," if you know what I mean. This is a really great tune that will keep summer pushing – right to the very end.





THEM CROOKED VULTURES



Arkells: "John Lennon" 🍁

The Arkells - hailing from Hamilton Ontario have developed into one of the biggest Canadian rock acts of this year. Originally discovered in a college battle of the bands - their single John Lennon is an incredible rock ballad that has great moments of jazz influence. Very, very chill - and it's the perfect tune to throw on while hitting the road, or just sitting in your backyard.

Dirty Heads (ft. Rome from Sublime): "Lay Me Down"

A blend of hip-hop and classic reggae rips through this sonic surf beat with fun rhythms and a relaxed vibe of feel-good lyrics. "Lay Me Down," The Dirty Heads' first smash single with Sublime's frontman Rome, is reminiscent of the laid back SoCal lifestyle that is felt and adopted by fans of reggae, ska and hip hop. It's about good times, summer, fun, and sun-soaked party energy. We think The Dirty Heads are reviving the Sublime-style reggae rock that makes for perfect summer beats. Rolling Stone agrees - they were honoured as "Best Reggae Rockers" in the "Best New Bands of 2010" line-up.

Train "Hey Soul Sister"

Maybe it's the uplifting mandolin riff or the reggae beat and catchy lyrics. We can't quite put our finger on it, but we think this is one of the most chill songs of the summer. Once you get over the creepy part where he talks about his untrimmed chest, "Hey Soul Sister" is the type of summer beat that can get stuck in your head for days. Actually, it's already stuck in ours.



Michael Franti (ft. Lady Saw): "Shake It"

We have two words to describe this song: party starter. It's an undeniably happy groove that literally forces you out of your muskoka chair and onto the dance floor. Cottaging, boating, pool parties - it doesn't really matter - this one has to be on your party mix. Little known Michael Franti has a slew of these party-starting dance hits. Look him up. Thank us later. 🍷

