

Hi Everyone,

Here are the May stats for Canadians' airplay on folkdj-1 playlists. This information has been sifted, with permission, from international lists compiled by Richard Gillmann. In May, Richard's lists were based on 14,027 airplays from 150 different DJ's.

The number in brackets indicates the number of plays that album, song or artist received in the month. Jesse Winchester's album "Love Filling Station" came in at #4 overall. He also took the top Canadian song spot with "Bless Your Foolish Heart" at #17 and Jesse once again earned the hat trick, by taking top Canadian artist slot, coming in at #7 on Richard's international lists.

May: Top Canadian Albums

1. Jesse Winchester "Love Filling Station" (49)
2. Bruce Cockburn "Slice O Life" (17)
- 3. Kim Beggs "Wanderer's Paean" (15)**
Jim Byrnes "My Walking Stick" (15)
4. April Verch "Steal The Blue" (14)

May: Top Canadian Songs

1. Jesse Winchester "Bless Your Foolish Heart" (8)
2. Jesse Winchester "Far Side Bank Of Jordan" (6)
Jesse Winchester "Wear Me Out" (6)
3. Bruce Cockburn "Wondering Where The Lions Are" (5)
Jesse Winchester "Sham-A-Ling-Dong-Ding" (5)

May: Top Canadian Artists

1. Jesse Winchester (54)
2. Bruce Cockburn (44)
3. The Duhks (21)
- 4. Kim Beggs (17)**
April Verch (17)
5. Jim Byrnes (15)
6. Leonard Cohen (14)
Stan Rogers (14)
7. James Keelaghan (12)
Kate & Anna McGarrigle (12)
Devon Sproule (12)
Le Vent du Nord (12)
8. Stephen Fearing (11)

- The Wailin' Jennys (11)
- 9. Joni Mitchell (10)
- Garnet Rogers (10)

Richard Gillmann compiles monthly surveys of international airplay on the folkdj-l listserve. Archives of these can be found at <http://folkradio.org> Richard's complete lists can be found on his own website at <http://www.nwfolk.com> and I have used this source for the information above.

Richard created a couple of programs to analyze all playlists posted to the Folkdj-l list. These programs require that playlists be submitted in a particular format to be counted. Because of this he estimates his programs pick up 60-80% of the total airplays posted. Richard tallies the most popular albums and songs as well as total play for individual performers. As can be seen, Richard cuts off his album and artist lists at 10 plays and the songs list at 5 plays.

Richard has consented to my pulling Canadian stats from his lists for which I offer a grateful tip 'o the hat.

cheers, Vic

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