

The Irrelevant Rock & Roll & Music Show

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SEASON 1

JAN 27, 2008

- Featured Artist: Toronto rock/punk band, Fidget
- Albums that deserve to be played again
- Bad albums by good bands
- It came from England
- Retro perspective
- Music off your radar

FEB 3, 2008

- Featured Artist: Legendary punk goddess, April Storm
- Crossfire: Lacuna Coil – *Karmacode*; New York Dolls – *Someday It Will Please You to Remember Even This*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Robin Trower – *Bridge of Sighs*
- Retro Perspective: Black Sabbath
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Emerson, Lake and Palmer – *Love Beach*
- Find of the Week: Mars Volta – *Amputecture*
- For What it's Worth: Live Bands Then and Live Bands Now

FEB 10, 2008

- Featured Artist: Notorious 90's rockers, 98 DA
- Crossfire: My Chemical Romance – *The Black Parade*; The Flaming Lips – *Yeah Yeah Yeah*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Sutherland Brothers and Quiver – *Lifeboat*
- Retro Perspective: Jimi Hendrix
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Oasis
- Find of the Week: Gov't Mule – *High and Mighty*
- For What it's Worth: Live Bands Then and Live Bands Now

FEB 17, 2008

- Featured Artist: Folk rock artisans, Common Rotation
- Crossfire: The National – *Boxer*; Feist – *The Reminder*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Nick Drake – *Better Later*
- Retro Perspective: Matt Johnson (Aka) The The
- For What it's Worth: Fake Hype
- Find of the Week: Gov't Mule – *High and Mighty*

FEB 24, 2008

- Featured Artist: Longshot recording artist. The original Rock & Roll outlaw, Sab & The Family Band
- Crossfire: Ozzy Osbourne – *Black Rain*; Robert Plant & Allison Krauss – *Raising Sand*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Harmonium – *Debut*
- Find of the Week: Cleveland Ohio rockers, Ground Zero
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Pearl Jam – *Vitalogy*
- For What it's Worth: Playing What We Like

MAR 9, 2008

- Featured Artist: Sound Alchemist, Jeff Pearson
- Crossfire – a special extended Find of the Week: Chris Spedding – *One Step Ahead of the Blues*
- Retro Perspective: The Stranglers
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Masters of Reality
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Oasis
- Find of the Week: Gov't Mule – *High and Mighty*
- Final Word: A Few Words About Jeff Healey

MAR 16, 2008

- Crossfire: Down – *Over the Under*; Nightwish – *Dark Passion Play*

MAR 23, 2008

- Featured Artist: Rock pop turboudors, Haight Ashbury
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Badfinger – *Straight Up*
- Retro Perspective: Former Cream Frontman, Jack Bruce
- For What it's Worth: The Availability and Unavailability of Music
- Crossfire: Cuff the Duke – *Sidelines of the City*; Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band – *Magic*

MAR 30, 2008

- Crossfire: John Kay and the Idealized Bastards – *I Wish I Had but I Didn't*; Majup – *Denizens of the Far Frozen Wasteland*

APRIL 13, 2008

- Crossfire - The New Prog.: The Mars Volta – *The Bedlam in Goliath*; Threshold – *Dead Reckoning*
- Featured 'Off the Radar' Artist: Live P.A. Magicians, The New Deal
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Lenny Breau – *The Velvet Touch*
- Retro Perspective: Thin Lizzy
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: The Who – *Endless Wire*

APRIL 20, 2008 – Special Broadcast

- The Blues: An entertaining romp through the world of Chicago, Texas and English Blues, with guest host guitarist and blues aficionado, Dennis Theriault.

APRIL 27, 2008

- Crossfire - The New Musical Regime: The Kills – *Midnight Boom*; Vampire Weekend – Debut Album
- Featured 'Off the Radar' Artist: Former Ian Thomas guitarist, D'Arcy Wickham
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Humble Pie – *Rockin' the Fillmore*
- Retro Perspective: Aerosmith
- For What It's Worth: Krafty – *The Deterioration of Sound*
- Find of the Week: Jerome Godboo – *One Monkey*

MAY 11, 2008

- Crossfire: Bauhaus – *Go Away White*; REM – *Accelerate*
- Music Slightly Off the Radar: Funky Rock Evangelists, The Revered Johns
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: The Smithereens – *Especially for You*
- Retro Perspective: Judas Priest – *Sad Wings of Destiny*; *Killing Machine*; *British Steel*; *Angel of Retribution*
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: John Fogerty – *Revival*
- Find of the Week: New Model Army – *The Ghost of Cain*

MAY 25, 2008

- Crossfire - The Old and Young Rock Lions: Danko Jones – *Never Too Loud*; Whitesnake – *Good to be Bad*
- Music Slightly Off the Radar: Heavy Metal Merchants, Brass Knuckle Therapy
- Extended Retro Perspective: Dynamic Guitar Virtuoso, Jeff Beck
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Television – *1992 Reunion*
- For What it's Worth: When Does a Band Stop Being a Band. When The Magic Is Gone.

JUNE 8, 2008

- Crossfire: The Kooks – *Konk*; The Mountain Goats – *Heretic Pride*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: FM – *Black Noise*
- Retro Perspective: Toronto blues warrior, Jerome Godboo
- Find of the Week: Flower Travelling Band – *Satori*

JUNE 22, 2008 – 88½% All British Show

- Music Slightly Off the Radar: Washington DC's native sons, Capital City Dusters
- Crossfire: Duffy – *Rockferry*; Def Leppard – *Sparkle Lounge*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Slade – *Slade Alive*
- Retro-Perspective: Paul Weller and the Jam
- Find of the Week: Lord Sutch and Heavy Friends

June 29, 2008

- The Blues, part 2: J and Denis go head-to-head with their best blues albums of all time, with special guest co-host Denis Theriault.

SUMMER 2008

Okay loyal listeners, here's the scoop...

Due to a technical misfire, which can be attributed to yours truly, The Blues part 2 which was to air in late June will not be available. Instead, it will air in September when we launch our second season of The Irrelevant Rock & Roll & Music Show. Krafty and I will return "full on" to the internet air waves on September 14th with a slew of new features and the launch of The Official Classic Rock Alternative Track Jukebox.

In the meantime, feel free to enjoy some of our previously recorded shows – all of which are available as MP3 downloads.

During the summer break from audio recording, I, J Hoskins, will be soldiering on by writing a weekly blog for anyone who still wants to tune in to find out what's happening in the ever churning world of Rock and Roll.

I'll be including a great selection of recent releases we weren't able to get to in the first season, including the likes of Opeth's "Watershed", Judas Priest's "Nostradamus", as well as Paul Weller's "22 Dreams" and Coldplay's "Viva La Vida". Not to mention a couple of cool concerts on the immediate horizon.

That should all be up and running some time around mid-July, just in time to give you a recap of the Robert Plant and Alison Krauss concert which will be rolling through our fair city. Also, Krafty will be checking in from time to time, supplying us with an ongoing diary of the horrors and trials and tribulations of being a commercial DJ.

And before we sign off, a special message to any bands out there who want to get on our Off the Radar spotlight in our 2nd season: Please send us your albums so we can let other people out there know how great you are!! Let The

Irrelevant Rock & Roll & Music Show help sell your tunes. At the same time, check some of our great past Off the Radar inductees such as The Revered Johns, Common Rotation and Fidget.

Until then, keep rockin' and keep listening to all the great music out there! Some of it may a little hard to find, but the reward when you stumble on that lost musical gem is always worth the effort.

Have a great summer!
J Hoskins & Krafty

SEASON 2

OCT 5, 2008

- Off the Radar: Zed Head
- Crossfires: John Mellencamp – *Life, Death, Love and Freedom*; Beck – *Modern Guilt*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: 5440 – *Show Me*
- Retro Perspective: Peter Gabriel's Genesis
- Bad Albums by Good bands: Yes – *Tales from the Topographical Ocean*
- Find of the Week: Hard Rock Trio – *Dust*

OCT 19, 2008

- Off the Radar: Alt. Folk Songstress, Samantha Martin
- Crossfires: The Duke Spirit – *Neptune*; Alejandro Escovedo – *Real Animal*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Strawbs – *Hero and Heroine*
- Retro Perspective: Dave Edmunds
- For What it's Worth: J & Krafty wonder what happened to our drum sound
- Find of the Week: Hail of Bullets – *Of Frost and War*

OCT 26, 2008

- The Blues, part 2: Guest host Denis Theriault.
Top five blues albums and his best live shows.

NOV 9, 2008 – The Really Heavy Show

- In the Crossfire: Metalica – *Death Magnetic*; Alice Cooper – *Along Came A Spider*
- Off the Radar: Alt Rock Commandoes, Red Elite
- Retro Perspective: Aussie Rockers, AC/DC
- Bad Albums by Good bands: Black Sabbath – *Never Say Die*
- Find of the Week: Hail of Bullets – *Of Frost and War*

NOV 16, 2008

- The Blues Show, part 2 with guest host Denis Theriault (Finally... we promise!)
Denis' best live shows and his top 5 blues albums.

NOV 23, 2008 – The Roots and Rock Show

- In the Crossfire: Lucinda Williams – *Little Honey*; Black Stone Cherry – *Folklore and Superstition*
- Off the Radar: Blues Folk Artisan, Harry Manx
- Retro Perspective: Irish Blues Rocker, Rory Gallagher
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Graham Parker – *Squeezing Out Sparks*
- For What it's Worth: Live Concerts... What Happened?

DEC 7, 2008 – The Icon Show

- In the Crossfire: Queen and Paul Rogers – *The Cosmos Rocks*;
Guns N' Roses – *Chinese Democracy*
- Off the Radar: Toronto Punk Rock Legend, C.J. Sleeze
- Retro Perspective: Progressive Rock Pioneers, The Moody Blues
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Paul McCartney – *McCartney II*
- Find of the Week: Uriah Heep – *Wake the Sleeper*

DEC 21, 2008 – The New Music Show

- In the Crossfire: The Gaslight Anthem – *The '59 Sound*; Glasvegas – *Glasvegas*
- Off the Radar: The Best of the Ontario Independent Music Awards
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: King Crimson – *Thrak*
- Retro Perspective: Future Musical Alchemists, Bill Nelson and Be Bop Deluxe

- For What it's Worth: 10 albums from the past 12 months that should be under your tree!

JAN 18, 2009 – The Alternative Classic Rock Show

- Off the Radar: Hamilton Native Rockers, The Arkells
- In the Crossfire: Glenn Hughes – *First Underground Nuclear Kitchen*; The Fireman – *Electric Arguments*
- Retro Perspective: Progressive Metal Pioneers, Deep Purple
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Traffic – *Low Spark of High Heeled Boys*
- For What it's Worth: The Alternative Classic Rock Track Jukebox

FEB 2nd — Special Announcement

In preparing The Irrelevant Rock & Roll & Music Show for podcasting, we're taking a hiatus for a couple of weeks. Regularly scheduled broadcasts will return on February 15, featuring John 5 and The Damned.

Starting March 1, we kick-off our podcasting through iTunes with our long-awaited spotlight on Neil Young. Guest host, Christopher Ruddy, will spin a selection of stories and tunes, providing our listeners with unique insight into the life, times and music of this cross-border rock and country musical pathfinder. See you then!

J. Hoskins & Krafty

MARCH 1, 2009 – Everything old is new again

- Off the Radar: Train hopping blues hobo, Seasick Steve
- Crossfire: Dirty Penny – *Take it Sleazy*; The Damned – *So Who's Paranoid*
- Retro Perspective: The Kinks – *The Middle Years*
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Lou Reed – *The Raven*
- Alternative Classic Rock Track: Deep Purple – *Hard Lovin' Man*
- Find of the Week: John 5 – Songs for Sanity

MARCH 15, 2009 – The Bits and Pieces Show

- Off the Radar: Oshawa retro rockers, Stone Angel
- Crossfire – Best Albums of Last Year... Maybe: She & Him; Portishead; Fleet Foxes; AC/DC
- For What it's Worth: Album Packaging – *A Dying Art*
- Alternative Classic Rock Track: Led Zeppelin – *Up from the Tiles*
- Albums that Deserve to be Played Again: Free – *Heartbreaker*

MARCH 29, 2009 – First Podcast Show

- This Note's For You – part 1: An intimate and in-depth look at the life, music and politics of rock's cross-border troubadour, Neil Young, with live tape enthusiast and Neil Young chronicler, Christopher Ruddy.

APRIL 12, 2009 – The Really Big Prog. Show

- Featuring the Strawbs' brand new album, *The Broken Hearted Bride*
- Crossfire: Diagonal – *Debut*; X-World/5 – *New Universal Order*
- Retro Perspective: Progressive folk rock pioneers, the Strawbs
- Alternative Classic Rock Track: ELP – *Knife Edge*
- Find of the Week: Riverside – *Second Life Syndrome*

APRIL 26, 2009 – The New Music

- Off the Radar: Cinematic prog. alchemists, Johnny Hollow
- Crossfire: Land of Talk – *Some Are Lakes*; Charles Spearin – *The Happiness Project*
- Retro Perspective: British punk noise merchants, 999
- For What it's Worth: What is Alternative? Five albums that made a difference.
- Alternative Classic Rock Track: Duran Duran – *Meet El Presidente*
- Find of the Week: *War Child: Heroes*

MAY 10, 2009 – The Concept Album Show

- Off the Radar: Progressive rock fusionist, Trip2Mars
- Crossfire: Sepultura – *A-Lex*; Queensrÿche – *American Soldier*
- Retro Perspective: Alice Cooper, the concept albums
- Albums That Deserve to be Played Again: Judas Priest – *Nostradamus*
- Find of the Week: The Five Man Electrical Band – *Coming of Age*

MAY 24, 2009 – The Old Guard Show

- Off the Radar: Electronic music maverick, Nash the Slash
- Crossfire: Bruce Springsteen – *Working on a Dream*; Neil Young – *Fork in the Road*; U2 – *No Line on the Horizon*
- Retro Perspective: John Mellencamp, Johnny Cougar to respected songwriter
- For What it's Worth: Albums that made a difference, part 2
- Alternative Classic Rock Track: Cream – *We're Going Wrong*
- Find of the Week: Lost rock supergroup, Paris

JUNE 14, 2009 – The Really Heavy Show, Vol. 2

- Off the Radar: Tech metal sound merchants, Vertigo
- Crossfire: Heaven & Hell – *The Devil You Know*; Mastodon – *Crack the Skye*
- Retro Perspective: Alternative industrial music shaman, Nine Inch Nails
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Judas Priest – *Ram it Down*
- Find of the Week: Stray – *Suicide*

JUNE 29, 2009 (Last show of the season) The Rocking Psychobilly Show

- Off the Radar: Surf guitar virtuoso, Dick Dale and the Del-Tones
- Crossfire: Ghoultown – *Life After Sundown*; Psychocharger – *Curse of the Psycho*
- Retro Perspective: Alternative punk B movie rockers, The Cramps
- For What it's Worth: Albums that made a difference, part 2
- Find of the Week: The Creepshow – *Run For Your Life*

SEASON 3

OCT 11, 2009 – The Back to School Show

- Crossfire: The Dead Weather – *Horehound*; The Black Crowes – *Before the Frost*
- For What it's Worth: What the hell was he thinking? The continuing saga of Kayne West
- Retro Perspective: The Holy Trinity – Clapton, Beck, Page and the Legacy of the Yardbirds
- Find of the Week: Captain Beyond – *Sufficiently Breathless*

OCT 25, 2009 – The Return of the Old Guard

- Find of the week: Jo Jo Gunne – *Bite Down Hard*
- Crossfire: Pearl Jam – *Backspacer*; Lynyrd Skynyrd – *God & Guns*
- Retro Perspective: English progressive songstress, Kate Bush
- Albums That Deserve to be Played Again: Mott the Hoople – *Mott*
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Eric Clapton – *Back Home*

NOV 15, 2009 – The 2nd Really Big Prog Show

- Off the Radar: Progressive hard rockers, Alpha Galates
- Crossfire: Porcupine Tree – *The Incident*; Dream Theater – *Black Clouds & Silver Linings*
- Retro Perspective: Progressive art rock pioneers, King Crimson
- For What it's Worth: The evolution of online magazines: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- Find of the Week: Jon Hiseman and Colosseum – *Daughter of Time*

NOV 29, 2009 – The Tribute to the New Music Show

- Off the Radar: Austin blues country songstress, Carolyn Wonderland
- Crossfire: Bigelf – *Cheat the Gallows*; Spinnerette – *Debut*; Grizzly Bear – *Veckatimest*
- Retro Perspective: Alternative mold breakers, XTC
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: The Clash – *Cut the Crap*
- Albums That Deserve to be Played Again: Jah Wobble, The Edge and Holger Czukay – *Snake Charmer*

DEC 13, 2009 – The “Into the Future” Show

- Off the Radar: Freaky Swedish progressive rockers, Diablo Swing Orchestra
- Crossfire: Gossip – *Music for Men*; Kasabian – *West Ryder Pauper Lunatic Asylum*
- Retro Perspective: Low-Fi alternative rock pioneer, Beck
- For What it's Worth: Hey man, where's my revolution? The musical decade that is ending not with a bang but with a whimper.
- Find of the Week: Gentlemen Without Weapons

FEB 6, 2010 – The New Year's Resolution Show

- Off the Radar: Indie rock newbies, The Ropes
- Crossfire: Animal Collective – *Merriwether Post Pavilion*; The Answer – *Everyday Demons*
- Retro Perspective: Heavy metal godfather, Ozzy Osbourne
- For What it's Worth: Good music is good music: The tearing down of genres

FEB 21, 2010 – The “What Have You Done For Us Lately” Show

- Off the Radar: Indestructible pop rocker, Ian Hunter
- Crossfire: Kiss – *Sonic Boom*; Cheap Trick – *The Latest*; Alice in Chains – *Black Gives Way to Blue*
- Retro Perspective: Alternative pop pioneers, Echo and the Bunnymen
- Bad Albums by Good Bands: The Who – *Endless Wire*
- Albums That Deserve to be Played Again: Pat Travers Power Trio – *Vol. 2*

MAR 15, 2010 – Another Really Big Prog Show

- Off the Radar: ‘Across the pond’ progressive wizards, Big Big Train
- Crossfire: Frost – *Milliontown*; Abigail's Ghost – *Selling Insincerity*
- Retro Perspective: Progressive folk vagabonds, Jethro Tull

- Bad Albums by Good Bands: Jethro Tull – *Under Wraps*
- Find of the Week: Lee Saunders “The Puzzle” Project – *A Promise of Peace*

MAR 29, 2010 – The “Your Punk Roots Are Showing” Show

- Off the Radar: The return of trash punk rock kitten – CJ Sleeze
- Crossfire: Gallows – *Grey Britain*; Rancid – *Let the Dominoes Fall*
- Retro Perspective: The Turning Point – Toronto underground punk of the early 80s
- For What it’s Worth: Krafty – Fake Punk vs. Real Punk
- Find of the Week: D.O.A. – *Kings of Punk, Hockey and Beer*

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MAY 16, 2010 – The “International Record Store Day” Show

An entire show dedicated to “Albums That Deserve to be Played Again”

- Krafty: Jimi Hendrix – *Rainbow Bridge*; Al Stewart – *Love Chronicles*; Chicago – *The Chicago Transit Authority*; Jeff Beck – *Truth*
- J Hoskins: Johnny Thunders – *So Alone*; The Godfathers – *Birth, School, Work, Death*; Steve Miller Band – *Anthology*; Slade – *Old, New, Borrowed and Blue*

MAY 30, 2010 – The “Once And Future Icon” Show

- Off the Radar: Rockabilly hellions, Robert Gordon & Chris Spedding
- Crossfire: Slash – *Debut Solo Album*; Jeff Beck – *Emotion & Commotion*
- For What’s it’s Worth: Radio Nowhere – How many of these albums did you actually hear?
- Krafty: Black Crowes – *Before the Frost*; Bob Seger – *Face the Promise*; Bruce Springsteen – *Working on a Dream*
- J Hoskins: Bryan Ferry – *Dylan-esque*; Steve Winwood – *Nine Lives*; Mark Knopfler – *Get Lucky*
- Find of the Week: Peter Gabriel – *Scratch My Back*

SEASON 3.5

JAN 23, 2011 – The “Your Punk Roots Are Showing” Show

JAN 30, 2011 – The Once and Future Icons Show

FEB 13, 2011 – The Record Store Show, part 1

FEB 20, 2011 – Special Prog Show: The Branches of Genesis, chapter 1 with regular guest host Christopher Ruddy

FEB 27, 2011 – The Record Store Show, part 2

MAR 13, 2011 – The Roots of Rock Show

MAR 20, 2011 – Special Prog Show: The Branches of Genesis, chapter 2 with regular guest host Christopher Ruddy

MAR 27, 2011 – __?_ Show

APRIL 10, 2011 – The Crate Digging Show Dedicated to International Record Store Day, Sat, April 16

MAY ??, 2011 – The ‘Hey, They Can Really Sing!’ Show