

## .....**BULLET POINTS**.....

Week of 12-16-02

### **The Christmas Music Update**

2002 has not been the most creative year for new or reworked Christmas music. However, a few titles did catch our attention. Which of the new songs are worth adding this year? Here are my picks:

#### **Non-Traditional Songs**

- **Rob Thomas – *A New York Christmas***

It's catchy, recognizable voice, and one of the best new non-traditional Christmas songs.

- **Ron Sexsmith -- *Maybe This Christmas***

Unique sound, relevant message

- **Simple Plan – *My Christmas List***

Rockin', catchy Christmas original.

#### **Potential cover adds:**

- **Jimmy Eat World – *Last Christmas***

Good cover of Wham's Last Christmas; relevant artist.

- **Jack Johnson – *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer***

Hip rendition with a few new lyrics.

- **Phantom Planet – *Winter Wonderland***

Sticks to the tradition of the song while adding some cool rock riffs.

### All-Christmas or Christmas Eve Selections:

- **Josh Groban – *O Holy Night***
- **Barry Manilow – The first six album tracks on *A Christmas Gift of Love* are all good.**
- **Jewel – *Medley: Go Tell It On the Mountain, Life Uncommon, From a Distance***
- **Jo Dee Messina – *A Joyful Noise, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas***

### Quote of the Week:

Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

--- Calvin Coolidge

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