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## Christmas CD releases from Manilow, Diamond Archuleta and others

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How many times can you hear Paul McCartney's "Wonderful Christmas Time," "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano or "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms without veering off the road or running out of the shopping mall screaming?

OK, it's a rhetorical question, but you get the idea: It's time for everyone (radio stations, shopping malls and my father) to upgrade their holiday music collections.

From legends to up-and-comers, this year's new holiday music selections are ideal to improve anyone's collection. Here are some of the 2009 offerings:

"In the Swing of Christmas," Barry Manilow (Arista): The man who writes the songs offers up this 11-track album to help swing in the holidays. Selections include "Toyland," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "The Christmas Song." The lesser-known tunes include "Violets for Your Furs" and "Christmas Is Just Around the Corner."

"Christmas From the Heart," David Archuleta (19 Recordings/Jive Records): The seventh-season runner-up on "American Idol" follows up his self-titled debut album (which sold 700,000 copies) with a yuletide offering. Seasonal standards highlight the album, including "Silent Night," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and a duet of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" with Filipino vocalist Charice Pempengco.

"Mannheim Steamroller Christmas: 25th Anniversary Collection" (Amanco Gramophone): Steamroller and group creator/director Chip Davis celebrate a quarter-century of producing Christmas albums with the release of this retrospective two-CD set. Spanning the group's entire holiday catalog, the album includes "Joy to the World," "The First Noel" and "The Christmas Song" featuring guest vocalist Johnny Mathis. Other guest performers include Paul Winter and the Cambridge Singers.

"Beyond the Star," Michael Londra (Celt): Irish tenor Londra, who has toured with Riverdance and Celtic Legends, has partnered with Celine Dion and Bee Gees producer Arif Martin to offer 11 seasonal songs and carols. The selections include "The Wexford Carol" (his hometown Christmas song), "In the Bleak Mid Winter" and a Gaelic version of "Silent Night." The last track of the album is a live recording of Londra, aged 10, with the Wexford Male Voice Choir singing "Little Donkey."

"This Christmas," Aretha Franklin (Rhino Records): The Queen of Soul gives the holidays some serious r-e-s-p-e-c-t with her new album. Miss Aretha gets the seasonal juices flowing with her renditions of "Christmas Ain't Christmas (Without the One You Love)" and "My Grown-Up Christmas List." Her version of "Ave Maria" is a real show-stopper.

"Christmas in the Heart," Bob Dylan (Sony): It's not quite as earth-shattering as when he went electric for the first time, but the legendary singer/songwriter has come out with a holiday album. Who would have thought it? The 15 cuts include "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Winter Wonderland" and "Little Drummer Boy." Royalties from this album will be donated to Feeding America, a domestic hunger-relief charity.

"Chanukah Fever," The Mama Doni Band (Mama Doni Productions): In 2008, it was an EP; this year the band celebrates the eight-day Jewish holiday with a full 13-track album. The Festival of Lights gets the holiday treatment from mother, music teacher, songwriter and lead singer Mama Doni and her band. Songs

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"My Christmas," Andrea Bocelli (Philips): This is the Italian tenor's first holiday album. Really? Yes, hard to believe, but the Tuscany-born singer and renowned producer David Foster make up for lost time (they've been working on this album for two years) with this 15-song offering. Highlights include "Adeste Fidelis," "Caro Gesu Bambino," "The Lord's Prayer" (performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir) and "I Believe," which Bocelli once performed for Pope John Paul II.

"A Cherry Cherry Christmas," Neil Diamond (Columbia): Consider this a "best of" holiday music collection from Diamond. Most of the songs have been culled from his two previous Christmas albums. The two new songs are "Christmas Dream" and the album's title track. "A Cherry Cherry Christmas" is Diamond's reverence to his past hits, as he incorporates several song titles into the lyrics. Tres schmaltzy!

"Ring Christmas Bells," Mormon Tabernacle Choir (Mormon Tabernacle Choir): It just wouldn't be Christmas without a new Mormon Tabernacle Choir yuletide offering. This year's album features performances by Brian Stokes Mitchell live from Temple Square. The choir's renditions of "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" and "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" will make you want to stand up and sing.

"If on a Winter's Night," Sting (Deutsche Grammophon): The Police man goes medieval with this seasonal 15-track album that features songs spanning the centuries. Songs include "Christmas at Sea," "Cherry Tree Carol" and the Newcastle ballad "The Snow It Melts the Soonest." The collection also features two of Sting's own compositions, "Lullaby for an Anxious Child" and "The Hounds of Winter."

"Ho: A Dan Band Xmas," The Dan Band (Razor & Tie) and "Suckin' It for the Holidays," Kathy Griffin (Music With a Twist): Every year there seems to be at least one holiday album that raises the question 'Why bother?' Unfortunately, there are at least two of those to be unthankful for this year. The first is by the Dan Band. It features such forgetful ditties as "Get Drunk & Make Out This Christmas" and "Please Don't Bomb Nobody This Holiday." The other is an album by comedian Kathy Griffin. The D-list celebrity features bits titled "A Dude Named Danielle," "Nervous Pills & Boxes of Wine" and "Maya Angelou Is Insufferable." Bah, humbug, I think I prefer coal in my stocking!

"Cosmic Christmas," Eban Schletter (Oglio Records): When he's not writing music for TV shows like "Drawn Together" and "Spongebob Squarepants," Schletter is turning out truly twisted concept albums, like this new collection of original songs about a military satellite that, through the miracle of artificial intelligence, discovers the true meaning of Christmas.

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OTHER STOCKING STUFFERS: "A Christmas Gift for You From Phil Spector" (Sony/Legacy); "All I Want for Christmas Is a Real Good Tan," Kenny Chesney (Columbia/Legacy); "Christmas With Johnny Cash," Johnny Cash (Columbia/Legacy); "Have Yourself a Meaty Little Christmas," Aqua Teen Hunger Force (Williams Street); "Holiday Magic," Connie Talbot (Rainbow Recordings); "Jackson Five, Ultimate Christmas Collection" (Motown); "Merry Christmas," Mariah Carey (Columbia/Legacy); and "Stridin' Through Christmas," Chris Dawson (Astin Music).

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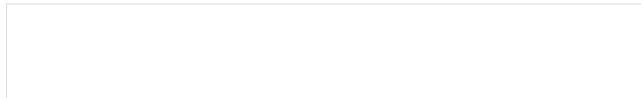


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