



## THE YEAR IN ROCK

**Here's a totally unscientific music poll for the year 2005**

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Artist of the Year: Bruce Springsteen.

Band of the Year: System of a Down.

Female Artist: Fiona Apple.

Breakthrough Artist: (tie) Matisyahu, Death Cab for Cutie.

Jersey Band of the Year: My Chemical Romance.

### **Best local artist: Matt O'Ree.**

Best new local band: The Shining.

PNC Bank Arts Center show of the year: Jack Johnson.

Best PNC Bank Arts Center show no one saw: Brian Wilson's "Smile."

Best club show: G. Love and Special Sauce at the Surf Club, Dover Township.

Best two-night run at the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville: Social Distortion.

Loudest live show: Black Label Society at the Starland Ballroom.

Single of the Year: "Welcome to Jamrock"/Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley.

Album of the Year: "Z"/My Morning Jacket.

Most prolific year: Ryan Adams and the Cardinals put out three critically acclaimed records in one calendar year.

Comeback of the Year: (tie) Neil Diamond, Nine Inch Nails.

Least-welcomed comeback: Scott Stapp, former lead singer of Creed.

Worst single of the year: (tie) "Let Me Go"/3 Doors Down, "Truth"/Seether.

Worst album of the year: "All the Right Reasons"/Nickelback.

Atlantic City show of the Year: Pearl Jam's two-night run at The Borgata.

Best touring festival: Vans Warped Tour at Englishtown Raceway in Old Bridge.

Every teenager in New Jersey should own: Coheed and Cambria's "Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV Volume One: Fear through the Eyes of Madness."

Radio Station: Sirius Satellite Radio's "E Street Radio."

Best Thing Locally: Asbury Lanes emerges as the coolest live music venue for miles.

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