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Ann Powers' top picks from SXSW festival

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A view of 6th Street during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on March 16, 2012 in Austin, Texas.

Music critic Ann Powers has just returned from South by Southwest in Austin, Texas. She shares a few of her favorite new musicians and noteworthy albums.

There's a new British female rapper making waves. She goes by Lady LeShurr and her music is a combination of house, hip hop and pop. She says her top influence is Lil' Wayne. At the festival, she dazzled the audience with an improvisation with the band, according to Powers.

Listen:

Lady Leshurr - "LEGO" (<http://open.spotify.com/track/6q0mJkz01zuvkwrFE77D7r>)

Zeus is a Canadian rock band whose music is reminiscent of the 1970s. Their second album, "Busting Visions," comes out in late March. With the exception of their drummer Rob Drake, all of the band members, Mike O'Brien, Carlin Nicholson and Neil Quin, both sing and play.

Listen:

Zeus - "Anything You Want Dear" (<https://www.npr.org/2012/01/25/145819873/zeus-the-sound-of-70s-rock-radio-reborn>) / "Love/Pain" (http://www.kerw.com/music/programs/tu/tu120314zeus_lovepain) / "Are You Gonna' Waste My Time?" (<http://soundcloud.com/arts-crafts/zeus-are-you-gonna-waste-my-1/s-v4j7r>)

Stasia Irons and Catherin Harris-White met at the University of Washington and formed THEESatisfaction. They perform funkadelic music that has a taste of black jazz and soul, and they also rap. Powers first saw them at SXSW two years ago, and says that they've only gotten a lot better over the years.

Listen:

THEESatisfaction - "Awe Naturale" (<https://www.npr.org/2012/03/18/148304885/first-listen-theesatisfaction-awe-naturale>)

