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New Music Monday Is All Fired Up

3.12.12 at 7:00am by [Josh Briseno](#)



New Music Monday is a collection of the best new releases in music each week. We share them with you every Monday, every hour on WFUV.

Arcade Fire - "Abraham's Daughter"

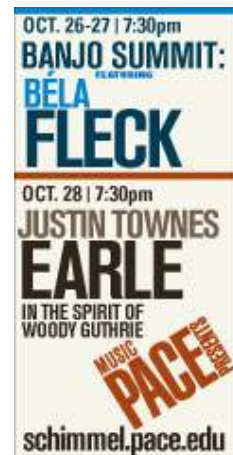
Ever heard of *The Hunger Games*? Suzanne Collins' epic series is coming to the big screen on March 23. The anticipation for the movies is electric but what has caught our attention are the impressive artists that appear on the soundtrack. "Abraham's Daughter," is one of two songs that Arcade Fire has written for the movie. When asked about the new song Win Butler cited the biblical story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son as the inspiration for this track. Butler flips the story though and changes the sacrifice from Abraham's son to his daughter, as a tribute to Katniss Everdeen (the main character in the series).

Brendan Benson - "Bad For Me"

We are excited to meet up with Brendan Benson at SXSW later this week. His new track "Bad For Me" is from his forthcoming album *What Kind Of World*, which is due out April 21st. The new song features some intriguing piano

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and strings that make Brendan's voice haunting in this epic



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her impressive voice every chance she can get. However, it's the lighter more cheerful songs that are placed strategically that give life to the new album. *We Have Made a Spark* is Rose's most impressive album thus far because of its excellent balance of despair and hope.

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The indie/folk band The Decemberists are at their best when energized by a live audience. This album features old favorites and recent hits.

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The Decemberists most recent tour. The atmosphere of each track takes on a more intimate feel that is a must have for any Decemberists fan.

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Dr. John - "Revolution"

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Dr. John has teamed up with The Black Keys' Dan Auerbach as a producer on his upcoming album, *Locked Down*. The album is set for an April 3rd release but we got hold of the track "Revolution." The song features a knock out organ solo about two minutes in that leaves you stunned.

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Todd Snider - *Agnostic Hymns and Stoner Fables*

Fables

Whether talking about youth homicides, education reform, or manipulative religions, Todd Snider embodies the American struggle on his new record. Snider has always had a sharp tone in his lyrics but some tracks sound more like angry rants than witty criticism. His honesty about the current state of America keeps you listening and before you know it Todd has inspired us to question everything.

Loudon Wainwright III - *Older Than My Old Man Now*

Loudon uses his latest album to tell his story the way he wants. The title of the new record is actually true, and the songs find Loudon remembering his father, being nostalgic

about his past, and also feeling anxious about his legacy. *Older Than My Old Man Now* turns into a family affair including appearances from Rufus and Martha Wainwright.

Zeus - Busting Visions

The Toronto rockers are back with their sophomore album that pays homage to the classic rock of the 60's and 70's. *Busting Visions* is filled with awesome guitar riffs and impressive vocal harmonies. The new record isn't completely old school though, it's that balance of combining the old and the new that makes *Busting Visions* a rock n' roll record for all ages.

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Rose Cousins - THE best female singer-songwriter operating today - Awesome

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I'm looking forward to hearing the Rose Cousins album. Although she's Canadian, she collaborates with a group of great singer-songwriters in the Boston area music scene (Jennifer Kimball, Kris Delmhorst, Rose Polenzani, etc.).

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Dave, you will not be disappointed - Rose's new CD is brilliant!

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