

January 2007: The Best of 2006.

We kick off the New Year with a look back at the past one, highlighting some of the best titles of 2006.

Global Village 2006 World Music Top Ten

1. Various artists – *Panama: Latin, Calypso and Funk on the Isthmus 1965-75* (Soundway)
2. Various artists – *Rough Guide to West African Gold* (World Music Network)
3. Etran Finatawa – *Introducing Etran Finatawa* (Introducing/World Music Network)
4. Maurice El Medioni/Roberto Rodriguez – *Descarga Oriental: The New York Sessions* (Piranha)
5. Riccardo Tesi – *Lune* (Dunya)
6. Dirty Dozen Brass Band – *What's Going On* (Shout Factory)
7. Various artists – *Golden Afrique, Vol. 2* (Network)
8. Green Arrows – *4-Track Recording Session* (Analog Africa/Alula)
9. Los Amigos Invisibles – *Superpop Venezuela* (Gozadera)
10. Cheikh Lo – *Lamp Fall* (World Circuit/Nonesuch)

Honorable Mentions:

Ali Farke Toure- *Savane* (World Circuit/Nonesuch); **Source – Tonight's African Jazz Band (Completelly Nuts)**; Marta Toperferova – *Flor Nocturna* (World Village); African Guitar Summit – *African Guitar Summit, Vol. 2* (CBC); Various – *Rough Guide to Yodel* (World Music Network); Various – *Rough Guide to Flamenco Nuevo* (World Music Network); Sally Nyolo – *Studio Cameroon* (Riverboat); Marta Gomez – *Entra Cada Palabra* (Chesky); Sierra Leone's Refuge All Stars – *Living Like a Refugee* (Anti); Cesaria Evora – *Rogamar* (RCA Victor); Marisa Monte – *Infinito Particular* and *Universo ao Meu Redor* (Blue Note); Rolf Lislevand – *Nuove Musiche* (ECM); Michel Camilo & Tomatito – *Spain Again* (EmArcy); Lila Downs – *La Cantina* (Narada); Sathima Bea Benjamin – *SongSpirit* (Ekapa)