



US artists dominate Uncut Music Award Shortlist
Elbow and Radiohead keep British hopes alive.

US artists are set to storm the Uncut Music Award after six out of the eight albums on the shortlist hail from across the pond. Chosen by an esteemed panel of judges, including New Order bassist **Peter Hook** and ex EMI chief executive **Tony Wadsworth**, the short listed albums are among the most inspiring and rewarding musical experiences of the last 12 months.

The inaugural Uncut Music Award shortlist 2008 is: (in alphabetical order)

1. BON IVER – For Emma, Forever Ago
2. ELBOW – The Seldom Seen Kid
3. THE DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS – Brighter Than Creation’s Dark
4. THE FELICE BROTHERS – The Felice Brothers
5. FLEET FOXES – Fleet Foxes
6. THE RACONTEURS – Consolers Of The Lonely
7. RADIOHEAD – In Rainbows
8. VAMPIRE WEEKEND – Vampire Weekend

The list shows a wide range of music from out-there rockers **The Raconteurs** to the quiet introspection of relative unknown **Bon Iver**, the soaring harmonies of **Fleet Foxes** and the preppy party pop of **Vampire Weekend**. It seems that Americana is well and truly in favour. But hope is not totally lost for British artists with both **Radiohead’s** ‘In Rainbows’ and **Elbow’s** Mercury Prize Winning album ‘The Seldom Seen Kid’ making the final stages.

Uncut Editor Allan Jones commented: *"I can safely say on behalf of all the judges that reducing our original list of 25 albums to a short list of eight was not what you call an easy task. I’m very excited, though, by the final selection of albums that will contest the inaugural Uncut Music Award. The eight short listed albums is an exciting reflection of the great music produced over the last year and highlights the diversity of music regularly championed by Uncut. What happens next is going to be very interesting indeed."*

Meanwhile Uncut Music Award panellist **Mark Radcliffe** added: *"This shortlist is filled with exciting innovations in music as well as just some really lovely tunes. What Uncut are doing by opening a music award to artists worldwide means that we will truly find the best album of the last 12 months"*

The winning album will be announced at the beginning of November after the ten judges have discussed each of the short listed albums at a round table event in central London.

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