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Top 10 World Music Albums, May 2009

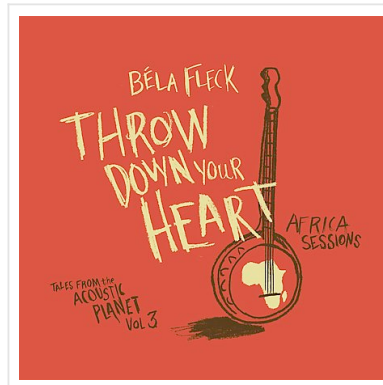
There's some wonderful new stuff on this month's chart, including Staff Benda Bilili (read their [amazing story](#)), the latest from Zap Mama, and a powerful, mature release from Maori group Moana & the Tribe. Alongside the newcomers are albums still spinning strong from last month.

There are the collaborations: Bela Fleck's musical tour of Africa, Oreka TX's txalaparta wanderings, and India-meets-America on Slide to Freedom. Add in great albums by Poland's Warsaw Village Band, Russia's La Minor, Mali's Amadou & Mariam, and Israel's Idan Raichel Project, and you've got perhaps the strongest Top 10 list we've posted all year.

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(click on album title for sound samples and more info)

1. **Bela Fleck:** [Throw Down Your Heart](#)
2. **Staff Benda Bilili:** [Tres Tres Fort](#)
3. **Oreka TX:** [Nömadak Tx](#)
4. **Warsaw Village Band:** [Infinity](#)
5. **Zap Mama:** [ReCreation](#)
6. **Moana & the Tribe:** [Wha](#)
7. **Doug Cox & Salil Bhatt:** [Slide To Freedom 2-Make a Better World](#)
8. **La Minor:** [Oboroty](#)
9. **Amadou & Mariam:** [Welcome to Mali](#)
10. **Idan Raichel Project:** [Within My Walls](#)



By the way, Idan Raichel was featured recently on National Public Radio in the USA. You can listen at npr.org. For that matter, NPR also did a [story](#) on Staff Benda Bilili.

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