

## Flight of the Phoenix soars into theaters

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On Dec. 17th, 2004, *Flight of the Phoenix* flew into theaters. *Flight of the Phoenix* is a remake of the 1965 film featuring legendary actors James Stewart and Richard Attenborough. In the updated version of *Flight of the Phoenix* the cast includes: Dennis Quaid (*The Alamo*, *The Day After Tomorrow*), Giovanni Ribisi (*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*), Tyrese Gibson (*2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Baby Boy*), Miranda Otto (*Danny Deckchair*, *Close Your Eyes*) and Hugh Laurie (*Stuart Little 2*, *Maybe Baby*).

*Flight of the Phoenix* is the story of a pilot of a C-119 cargo plane, Captain Frank Towns (Dennis

Quaid), whose job is to venture to oil rigs that have very little productivity and shut them down.

On one trip, he picks up the employees of an oil rig, and on their way back to Beijing, they are caught in a sand storm. The plane crashes and they end up in the Gobi Desert.

The victims struggle to survive. The plane is off course, and there is no chance of rescue. The environment is harsh, and they have very few resources. It is impossible for anyone to leave for help, because if anyone ventured off, he would most likely be lost and die.

Hopes are fading until one of the survivors says he thinks he could build a plane out of parts from the wreckage. However, the captain is

hesitant to even try to build a new plane. He thinks that it is useless, and it would just be a waste of energy.

At this time, everyone is becoming desperate and restless. Tension is growing between everyone, and, on top of everything, they find out that desert smugglers are heading their way.

The captain finally gives in and decides to build the plane. They work at night to avoid the unbearable heat. The slightest mistake could prevent them from returning home.

*Flight of the Phoenix* is a great action and adventure movie. It teaches the lesson of keeping hopes and dreams alive and proves that nothing is impossible. This is a great movie to see with your friends or on a date.

*Flight of the Phoenix* is directed by John Moore and distributed by Twentieth Century Fox. It is rated

## Arcade Fire tops out top ten albums of 2004

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It is a custom in the world of music to take a retrospective moment when the year is over to review and rate the albums that have come out. Here is the top ten of 2004.

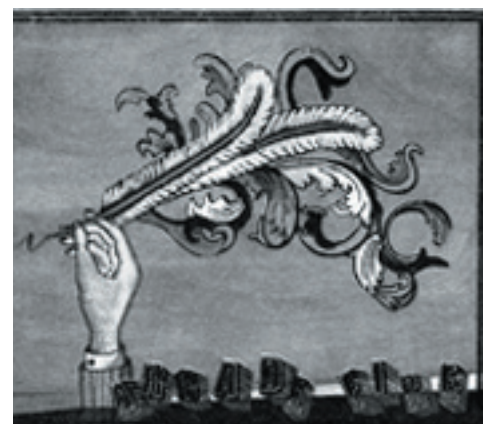
Coming in a clear number one is *Funeral* by The Arcade Fire. This is the Canadian band's debut album and well worth checking out. It is melodic, captivating and everything anyone could ask of music.

Animal Collective's *Sung Tongs* comes in at number two. This album has many different layers. Each listening reveals something new and exciting.

Each song sounds like it is being played by a different band. *Sung Tongs* could be described as strange but accessible.

The number three choice is *Talk-*

*ie Walkie* by Air. Listening to this music makes the world drip away into a place where worries and time disappear. This album is so



ARCADE FIRE -- *Funeral* is an impressive debut album. photo courtesy of pitchforkmedia.com

powerful. It can relieve stress, but has been overlooked by many other top ten lists. Air just makes great electronica.

*Sonic Nurse* by Sonic Youth is number four. This album is classic. Sonic Youth came through with great power to make a clever rock album.

At a very close five is *Thunder Lightning Strike* by The Go! Team. This album is one of the most creative of the year. It incorporates so many genres, from old-school hip-hop, to funk to just plain ole indie rock, all blended with incredible taste. It is extreme party music because it includes all tastes and still manages to take on an upbeat personality.

Devendra Banhart's *Rejoicing in the Hands* is the number six pick. This album is definitely a folk album, but not the folk that grandparents jive to. It is creative, beautiful folk that is relaxing.

Sufjan Stevens' *Seven Swans*, ironically at number seven, falls in a similar genre with the number six album. This is music for a rainy day.

Music to hold someone to, because loneliness tends to come with this album. That is what makes it so good, its power to evoke such strong emotions. Sufjan Stevens never fails to make such music.

The album at number eight is different from all the other genres of music on the list thus far. *You're a Woman, I'm a Machine* by Death From Above 1979 is, as could be readily guessed, hardcore. Not hardcore in the sense that the kitten scampering across the road becomes rather appealing to mud tires. It is hardcore with class and composition. It cannot be listened to quietly.

Number nine is the album you have all been expecting, no not *Good News for People Who Love Bad News*, sorry. It is *Franz Ferdinand*. Glasgow's quartet has wowed everyone. The single "Take Me Out" plays all over the radio, that fact, however, does not say anything about the music because it is your usual pop song. It has so much energy.

Last, but not least, is Wilco's *A Ghost is Born*. Overall this deserves number ten. It has weak points, but the songs that Wilco gets right are perfect and make up for the ones that lack.

Several innovative albums have come out this year that did not make the list, so if approval was not found in this one, personal lists are encouraged.

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