

Turin Brakes in 2005: Looking Back

And so 2005 has gone by. It is time to look back on a year with 1 new album, 3 nice tours, 2 released singles, 1 tour only / digital* (* = select appropriate) EP, 1 top 10 chart entry and lots of new Turin Brakes fans. This special looks back on 2005. You will find the results of this year's Turin Brakes Popularity Poll. Besides the top 35 compiled by top 5 tracks send in by Turin Brakes fans (and good music fans in general) you will find lots of interesting and less interesting conclusions from this poll and ofcourse the winner of the Turin Brakes Song of the Year 2005 award. The Turin Brakes Song Of The Year Award is the most popular Turin Brakes song, aka the song most voted for this year, and therefor the most popular. What are you waiting for? Read on!

Turin Brakes in 2005: What Happened?

Whilst 2004 was a relatively quiet year for the fans at least, 2005 proved to be much more active. Olly Knights and Gale Paridjanian had recorded and produced their third studio album in 2004 and early in the new year the mastering phase was also completed. Many of the fans waited for a March 2005 release, but unfortunately for them this did not happen. It was end May 2005 before the album entered the record stores. Before that, in April 2005, there was a little exclusive preview show in Bush Hall, London. The show was recorded and two of the songs (*Red Moon* and *JackInABox*<-) were available on the DVD that came with the album, *Jackinabox*. Also, *Fishing For A Dream*, recorded at that particular concert was available for download when the song was released as the first single.



The first single *Fishing For A Dream* was highly anticipated and though some fans thought it was too soft, it was greeted with enthusiasm. The criticism of being too soft might have been justified here, however. Though the song did get b-listed on for example *BBC Radio 2* it didn't have the bang like other singles released that week had. Maybe that's why it didn't break the top 10, nor the top 20. No. 35 was quite disappointing for *the* comeback single of Turin Brakes. Fans who had been able to get the promo copies via Ebay (now known as Cheapachips in Turin Brakes world, for the fact that the record company didn't agree with this), claimed there were better songs on the album, that could have caused a bigger bang perhaps, and maybe could have generated more sales. *JackInABox* however, proved that it was still possible to break the top 10 without a real hitsingle. Flying straight in at no. 9, there was good news after all.

The album proved to be much happier than the previous album *Ether Song*, and the DVD that came with the third LP was packed with secret bonus stuff, a feature that was also built into the website later that year. The album was promoted by means of a secret club tour and 4 bigger dates. Then the boys crossed the Atlantic for a tour in the USA and Canada. Meanwhile *Over and Over* was released, but also being ignored by the media, record company and most of the general buying public, and it therefor did not chart in the UK top 40. The track was remixed in 3 different versions and the XFM session version was released as an exclusive download. This all did not help, and some started wondering is the world actually waiting on Turin Brakes?

This was the case, as was proved during the Autumn. First a mini EU tour, with dates in Holland, Germany and Italy, followed by a UK tour in October and November. Over the summer Turin Brakes discovered that leaving the 'big machines' behind, created a lovely new sound, a sound that had to be tested on the public. This new acoustic vibe came to life really well during the gigs and on the exclusive *Red Moon EP*. This EP was released during the UK tour, supported by the likes of Fionn Regan and Joanna Newsome (amongst others). During the summer, fans had tried to persuade band and record company to release *Red Moon* as a single. The fans got their way. The EP featured an acoustic version of the title track, a longtime favourite (but never recorded) song: *Jet Trail*, new song *Love Is All You Deserve* and a session version of the *Red Hot Chili Peppers* song *Breaking The Girl*. During the gigs it felt like people got their enthusiasm on Turin Brakes again, the became special again.

However, the year was reaching its end and instead of what the record company said earlier, there weren't really many singles left on *JackInABox*. There didn't seem much point in releasing another one, especially after The *Red Moon EP* got a download-exclusive release end November on Itunes and other shops. Before it came to that Turin Brakes had a nice surprise for the fans: the final date on the UK tour (in the London Palladium) was released as a live album the day after. This concert was cheaper than normal albums and featured basically the best of *The Optimist LP* and *JackInABox*, and the singles released during *Ether Song* era (but no *5 Mile* or *Average Man*). The year ended with a "thank you" to the fans and the announcement that Olly and Gale would now focus on writing for the new album, which was no big surprise. The future looks good. Turin Brakes have grown as a band once more. Turin Brakes are not the next Coldplay, maybe the press could stop treating like they should be? Thank you. Now, on to the future!!!

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Live At The Palladium

Read on for 2005's releases and the winner of the popularity poll!

Turin Brakes in 2005: The Releases

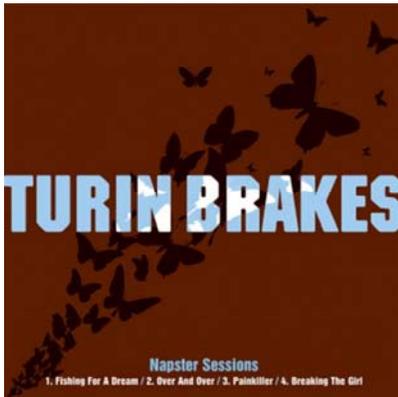
So here are all the covers of the Turin Brakes releases in 2005. Have you got all of them?



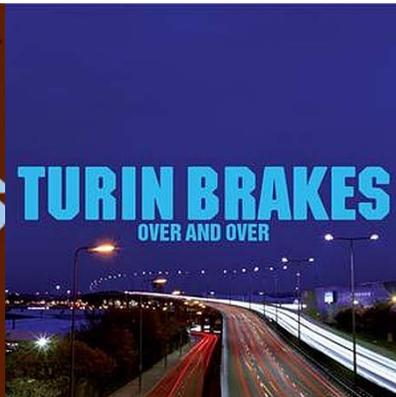
Fishing For A Dream
7" /CDS/CDM (15 May 2005)



Jackinabox
LP/CD/CD+DVD (30 May 2005)



Napsterlive Sessions EP
Download (June 2005)



Over And Over
7" /CDS/CDM (1 August 2005)

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Download (7 November 2005)



The Red Moon EP
Download (28 November 2005)

Turin Brakes in 2005: Most Popular Songs

In December 2005 *Ether Site* organised a poll where fans could e-mail their top 5 favourite songs. I received lots of top 5's and counted all of them together, see the top 35 here:

Song of the Year 2005: Long Distance



01 Long Distance

- 02 Underdog (Save Me)
- 03 State Of Things
- 04 Ether Song
- 05 Feeling Oblivion
- 06 The Door
- 07 Mind over Money
- 08 Red Moon
- 09 Painkiller
- 10 Rain City

- 11 Emergency 72
- 12 Building Wraps Round Me
- 13 Come and Go
- 14 Fishing For A Dream
- 15 Self Help
- 16 Road To Nowhere
- 17 Blue Hour
- 18 Above The Clouds
- 19 Future Boy
- 20 Lasso
- 21 5 Mile
- 22 Panic Attack
- 23 The Boss
- 24 Forever
- 25 Stone Thrown
- 26 Average Man
- 27 Little Brother
- 28 Full Of Stars
- 29 Balham to Brooklyn
- 30 Asleep with the Fireflies
- 31 Last Clown
- 32 The Road
- 33 Nine To Five
- 34 Clear Blue Air
- 35 The Optimist

On the following pages you will find more conclusions drawn from this poll...

Most Popular Album: Ether Song

Based on the amount of songs in the top 35 (not on positions):



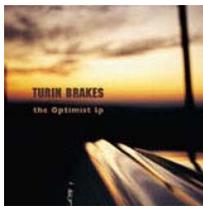
01 Ether Song (12)

02 Optimist LP (9)

02 JackInABox (9)

Most Popular Album: The Optimist LP

Based on the points gathered by the songs of the albums in the top 35:



01 The Optimist LP (165)

02 Ether Song (155)

03 Jackinabox (65)

Most Popular Non-Single/EP song: Ether Song

Most popular tracks never released as a single or an EP.



01 Ether Song

02 Feeling Oblivion

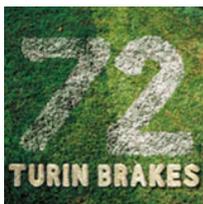
03 Rain City

04 Building Wraps Around Me

05 Come And Go

Most Popular B-side: Lasso

Most popular songs originally released as a b-side. Also includes songs that were available later on re-released albums. *Stone Thrown* therefor does not count, as it was rewritten and re-recorded for *Ether Song's* original release.



01 Lasso

02 5 Mile

03 The Boss

04 Balham To Brooklyn

05 Nine To Five

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