



KATHERINE TURMAN/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Band of the Year: Soundgarden
Best New Group: Tits—Marilyn Manson/Kepone
Superb Pipes: Chris Cornell (Soundgarden)
Greatest Guitarist: Tits: Keith Richards (Stones)/
Audley Freed (Cry of Love)
Bombastic Bassist: Petrus T. Steele (aka Peter
Steele—Type O Negative)

Thunderous Skin Basher: Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick)
Moshinest Mama: Stephanie Cabral
Bad-Ass Tour: Pantera/Sepultura/Prong
Hottest Live Act: TIE—Nine Inch Nails/Son of Slam
Deadliest Disc: TIE: Vitalogy (Pearl Jam)/Deliverance

Coolest Video: "Christian Woman" (Type O Negative)
This Band is Hardcore: TIE—Broken Hope/Oppressor
Biggest Disappointment: Promised Land not being
heavy.
This Group Sucks: A.C.

DEL JAMES/SENIOR EDITOR

Band Of The Year: Nine Inch Nails
Best New Group: Marilyn Manson
Superb Pipes: W. Axl Rose
Greatest Guitarist: Ginger (The Wildhearts)
Bombastic Bassist: Peter Steele
Thunderous Skin Basher: Stump Munroe (The Almighty)

Deadliest Disc: Box Set (Wool)
Coolest Video: I don't have a TV, ergo no MTV.
This Band Is Hardcore: Sick Of It All
Biggest Disappointment: That Kurt Cobain's voice is
gone.
This Group Sucks: Candlebox

COLIN "DR. BLOOD" CONWAY, DEATH FILES
Band Of The Year: Pan-Thy-Monium
Best New Group: Internal Bleeding
Superb Pipes: Dan Swano (Edge Of Sanity)
Greatest Guitarist: Trey Azagthoth (Morbid Angel)
Bombastic Bassist: Les Claypool (Primus/Sausage)
Thunderous Skin Basher: Pete "Commando"

Bad-Ass Tour: TIE—
Sepultura/Nine Inch
Nails
Hottest Live Act: Nine Inch
Nails
Deadliest Disc: Pandemonium (Killing Joke)

Coolest Video: "Closer"
This Band Is Hardcore: TIE—Sick Of It All/Machine
Head

Biggest Disappointment: Kurt's sad death, more of a tragedy...

This Group Sucks: Not enough space. Start with Smashing Pumpkins.

(Corrosion Of Conformity)

Coolest Video: "Black No. 1" (Type O Negative)
This Band Is Hardcore: TIE—Prong/Carcass
Biggest Disappointment: Kurt Cobain's suicide.
This Group Sucks: Love/Hate

KRISTINA ESTLUND/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Band of the Year: Nine Inch Nails
Best New Group: TIE—Satchel/Rob Rule
Superb Pipes: TIE—Trent Reznor/Shawn Smith
(Satchel)

Greatest Guitarist: Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam)
Bombastic Bassist: Danny Lohner (NIN)
Thunderous Skin Basher: Charlie Benante (Anthrax)
Moshinest Mama: Sean Yseult (White Zombie)
Bad-Ass Tour: Nine Inch Nails/Jim Rose/Marilyn
Manson

Hottest Live Act: Nine Inch Nails

Deadliest Disc: The Downward Spiral (NIN)
Coolest Video: "Closer" (NIN)
This Band Is Hardcore: Cannibal Corpse
Biggest Disappointment: Lack of Motley Crue support.
This Group Sucks: Arcade

STEPHANIE "MOSH MAMA" CABRAL/ EDITORIAL/PHOTOGRAPHER

Band Of The Year: Type O Negative
Best New Group: Machine Head
Superb Pipes: Rob Halford (Fight)
Greatest Guitarist: Alex Skolnick (Savatage)
Bombastic Bassist: Peter Steele
Thunderous Skin Basher: Paul Bostaph (Slayer)
Moshinest Mama: Sean Yseult
Bad-Ass Tour: Metallica/Suicidal
Tendencies/Candlebox/Fight
Hottest Live Act: GWAR!
Deadliest Disc: Low (Testament)

Moshinest Mama's: Veruca Salt Bad-Ass Tour: The Almighty/Warrior Soul Hottest Live Act: Nine Inch Nails Deadliest Disc: Earth Vs. The Wildhearts (The Wildhearts)

Coolest Video: "Get Your Gunn" (Marilyn Manson)
This Band Is Hardcore: Biohazard
Biggest Disappointment: Kurt Cobain's death.
This Group Sucks: Dream Theater

JANISS GARZA/SENIOR EDITOR

Band Of The Year: TIE—Pantera/Black Crowes
Best New Group: Wool
Superb Pipes: Jonathan Davis (Korn)
Greatest Guitarist: Brian Forsythe (Ex-Kix)
Bombastic Bassist: Lemmy Kilmister (Mötorhead)
Thunderous Skin Basher: Vinnie Paul (Pantera)
Moshinest Mama: Selene Vigil (7 Year Bitch)
Bad-Ass Tour: Pantera/Sepultura/Prong
Hottest Live Act: Tenderloin

Sandoval (Morbid Angel)

Moshinest Mama: Dana Duffey (Demonic Christ)
Bad-Ass Tour: Amorphis/Entombed
Hottest Live Act: Internal Bleeding
Deadliest Disc: TILE—Tales...(Amorphis)/The Fourth
Dimension (Hypocrisy)/Divine Intervention (Stayer)
Coolest Video: "God Of Emptiness" (Morbid Angel)
This Band Is Hardcore: A.C.
Biggest Disappointment: Massachusetts' Engorged

turned into a Black Metal band.
This Group Sucks: TIE—Smashing Pumpkins/

Pearl Jam

STEFFAN CHIRAZI/CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
Band Of The Year: Nine Inch Nails
Best New Group: New Idol Son
Superb Pipes: Kurt Cobain...still!!
Greatest Guitarist: Geordie Walker (Killing Joke)
Bombastic Bassist: Mark Deutrom (Melvins)
Thunderous Skin Basher: Chris Vrenna (NIN)

DONNA DRAGICH/CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Band of the Year: Rollins Band
Best New Group: TheOffspring
Super Pipes: Zachary Stevens (Savatage)
Greatest Guitarist: John Christ (Danzig)
Bombastic Bass: Robert Trujillo (Suicidal
Tendencies)

Thunderous Skin Basher: Paul Bostaph

This Group sucks: Hole

Moshinest Mama: Sean Yseult
Bad-Ass Tour: Metallica/Suicidal
Tendencies/Candlebox/Fight
Hottest Live Act: Danzig
Deadliest Disc: Soundgarden (Superunknown)
Coolest Video: "Christian Woman" (Type O Negative)
This Band is Hardcore: Machine Head
Biggest Disappointment: TIE—Collective Soul opening for Aerosmith/Candlebox live. (Might as well have just listened to the radio.)

WE COUNT, TOO...

Ever wonder what your favorite (or most despised) RIP critics listen to in their spare time (like we have any!)? No? Well, tough, we're gonna tell you anyway! You might notice that we have a pretty good job here; if you pay attention to the pages RIP, you'll observe that most of us get to write about the bands we love. Whatta job!

GUEST CRITIC: JOHN BUSH/SINGER, ANTHRAX
Band Of The Year: GWAR
Best New Group: Joey Vera
Superb Pipes: Chris Cornell

Greatest Guitarist: Tom Morello (Rage Against The Machine)

Bombastic Bassist: (The late) Phil Lynott (Thin Lizzy)
Thunderous Skin Basher: Mike Piazza (L.A. Dodgers)
Moshinest Mama: Sean Yseult
Pad Ace Town Mine Lee Maile/Lim Rece/Marilyn

Bad-Ass Tour: Nine Inch Nails/Jim Rose/Marilyn Manson

Hottest Live Act: The Niagras (Unsigned NYC band)
Deadliest Disc: Superunknown
Coolest Video: "Buddy Holly" (Weezer)
This Band Was Hardcore: GG Allin
Biggest Disappointment: Charles Bukowski's death.
This Group Sucks: Counting Crows