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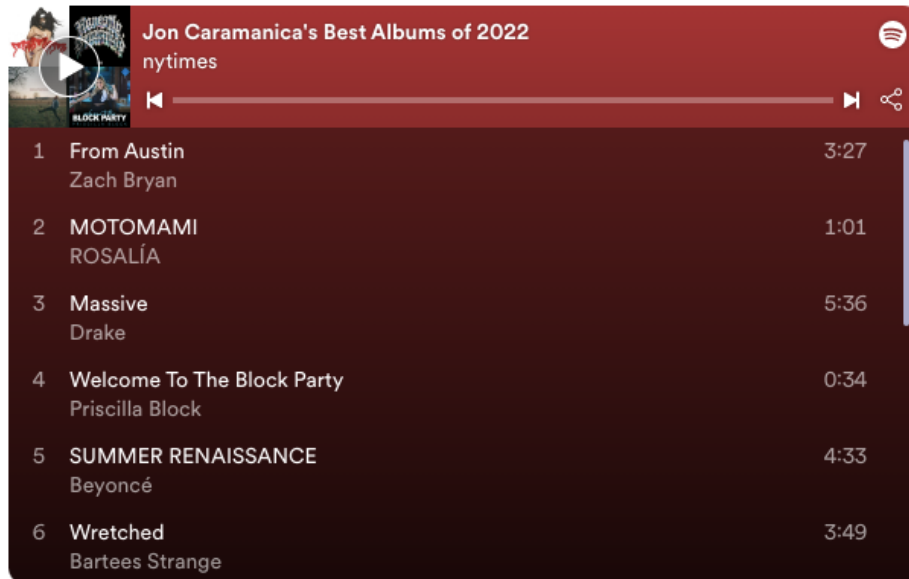
Best Albums of 2022

The most effective artists of the year weren't afraid to root around deep inside and boldly share the messiness, the complexities and the beauty of their discoveries.

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Letting It All Go

Judging by these albums, it was a year of release: superstars opting to get physical, neat songs spilling over with unruly emotions, artists relinquishing familiar beliefs, singing and rapping teetering on the edge of control. Disruption is in the air — being contentedly static is no longer enough.



12. Bandmanrill, 'Club Godfather'

Bandmanrill emerged last year from the Jersey drill scene, which takes the drill template of immediate, punchy rapping and matches it with up-tempo Jersey club music. In short order, he became one of drill's premier songwriters, but his debut, "Club Godfather," already shows him stretching beyond the genre's boundaries.