The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 15 Jan 2017, 03:22

It's a new year, whoop whoop 2017. And the last had it's ups and downs. So what stoked your fire in 2016? What were you impressed with or not? Take a moment and share your thoughts!

(NB: Despite being in the BOSS specific thread I think it naturally expands to non-BOSS too...please move if required)

Let the awards commence!

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Go!

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Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **Ashton** » 15 Jan 2017, 04:03

Lets round up our 2016 releases for a refresher

1. VO-1
2. VB-2w
3. BC-1x
4. TU-3w
5. CE-2w
6. CP-1x
7. AD-2

Waza head, cabs, combo amps
Katana head, combo amps
GT-1
ES-5

This year I picked up the VB-2w, CE-2w, & the TU-3w
and I just ordered the Katana head (it's only $350 for the head new)
I also think I need to buy the ES-8 this year.

I only picked up those 3 pedals, but I'm very happy with all three, I know some might think the waza tuner is unnecessary, but I really like it.
The CE-2w and VB-2w (which I had been hoping for, for years!) also knocked it out of the park. Don't see those

coming off my board anytime soon.

I'm not a big fan of compressors, in the studio and live they have compression on each channel so I'd rather work my dynamics, than use a comp pedal.

I've yet to see the AD-2 in stores yet, might be surprising.

Not a singer so no use for the VO-1, but seems cool, just not for me.

Waza seemed priced kinda high with the likes of high end tube amps, I've yet to try in store.

1) The best **new** BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion? CE-2w/VB-2w
2) The best **new** non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion? EHX Mel 9
3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year? 2016 Mesa Boogie Triple Rectifier multi-watt reborn head
4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year? Morley pedal power supply (died within a month)
5) Your "brand crush" of 2016 Boss killed it this year, no complaints from me
5) Best non-FX purchase of the year? (gear wise) Truetone CS-12 power supply
6) Your favorite guitar used during 2016? Tele/Les Paul
7) Your favorite amp used during 2016? Mesa Triple Rec
8) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year? TU-3w
9) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc? sweetwater
10) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016? The Violent Sleep of Reason by Meshuggah

NAMM is next week, fingers crossed for SG-1w, SYB-6, FZ-6, TR-2w/PN-2/TR-3, PH-5! Or a ES-10/12

Ashton

Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **charmonder** » 15 Jan 2017, 04:40

1) The best new BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
in all seriousness probably the VO-1 or CE-2w or VB-2w... but on the other hand I just like the black DS-1 so much! I know they will focus on pushing forward but I hope they do more fun things like this.

2) The best new non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
Probably the digitech ricochet, from what I can tell this actually seems like a viable way of cramming digitech whammy into a single standard pedal spot. Especially for those of us who don't really need the effect for so many songs.
and i know, ehx did the pitch fork first, but look at how the ricochet has rise and fall knobs, it makes a more expressive effect

3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year?
generalguitargadgets tychobrahe/octavia kit... I just wanted an octave up fuzz, but I went ahead and did the dual footswitch version. lot of bang for your buck on this project!

4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year?
Sadly to report it was a BOSS RV-5 that I sold off in a week. I was really looking forward to the stereo inputs but I prefer the sound RV-3 so much more that it wasn't worth it to me (and I don't even use the delays on the RV-3).

5) Your "brand crush" of 2016 (if it wasn't BOSS!)
actually... MXR. they've been rounding out their lineup and now that they have a digital reverb I could have an all MXR(dunlop) pedalboard.

5) Best non-FX purchase of the year? (gear wise)
focusrite scarlett 8i18... it's a bout time I stepped into the digital recording realm.

6) Your favorite guitar used during 2016?
j mascis jazzmaster. they did a nice job on it stock, I might change the bridge out but that's all

7) Your favorite amp used during 2016?

roland JC-120 x2!

8) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year?
Found a discounted HM-2 in "as is" condition and nothing was wrong with it!

9) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc?
SAMSON for replacing my sr950 closed headphone even though I was a few months out of my warranty!

10) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016?
Swans!

charmonder

Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **Gasgano** » 15 Jan 2017, 05:45

1) The best new BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion? CE-2w. CE-1 mode, Made in Japan, That was one for the fans.

2) The best new non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion? I only buy Boss effects, so I'll pass on that one.

3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year? Boss BB-1X. Being back to bass, I really needed a less noisy overdrive than the ODB-3 and I dig the MDP.

4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year? That might be surprising to a lot of you: I had high expectations for the VO-1. Very nice when you play with headphones, but in a band context, the microphone catches WAY too much background noise, even with sensitivity to the minimum. Sold the pedal after playing it for about a month. Honorable mention to the MZ-2. Played it for about 15 minutes before deciding it was not the pedal I was looking for.

5) Your "brand crush" of 2016? Boss. Always and forever.

6) Best non-FX purchase of the year? A Musicman Sterling 5 Stealth Black. Still waiting for it.

7) Your favorite guitar used during 2016? Fender Jim Root Stratocaster

8) Your favorite amp used during 2016? Bass amp, Fender Rumble 350 with a Rumble 112 cab. Really loud, heavy tone and lightweight as can be.

9) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year? I'd have to say Boss MO-2. The used market is really short on these and I paid a fair price. Not one of these sellers that think they can get 120$ for a used pedal just because it's the only one out there to sell and "looks brand new".

10) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc? My Music school also has a gear shop. Guillaume Turcot is always very helpful.

11) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016? I could go with some very metal stuff, but I'll have to go with the emotional one: I went with my wife to see Adele at the Bell Centre in Montreal (21,000 seats, PACKED) the day my grandfather (who was also my boss and mentor) passed away. 21 musicians on stage and they played the only song I wanted to hear that night: Skyfall. It was very intense. I cried like a baby the whole way through, my wife just leaning her head on my shoulder in support. Lyrics were describing exactly what I felt like on that very day and it's a memory we'll always keep with us.

Gasgano

Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **Pepe** » 15 Jan 2017, 11:14

1) The best new BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
CE-2W and VB-2W - I haven't tested any of the new models, though.

2) The best new non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
Well, maybe the KORG monologue synthesizer. I want to try it out someday.

3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year?
Dean Vendetta 1.0 - my first guitar with humbuckers that I bought as a Christmas present for myself. A lot of bang for the few bucks.

4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year?
The Seppuku Kompakt Kassette that I was allowed to keep for a few months turned out to be not as exciting or useful as I thought before. I was relieved that I haven't spent over 200€ on one of these.

5) Your "brand crush" of 2016 (if it wasn't BOSS! 😲😄)
DingoTone! The FDD has become one of my favourite pedals and the BSD, purchased in September, is awesome as well.

5) Best non-FX purchase of the year? (gear wise)
Dean Vendetta 1.0 (see above)

6) Your favorite guitar used during 2016?
Fender Stratocaster MIJ.

7) Your favorite amp used during 2016?
I only have the Marshall MA50C tube amp which I love to pieces for its clean sound.

8) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year?
Alesis Bitrman for 25€, which is very cheap nowadays. Awesome unit with lots of crazy sounds!

9) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc?
Fender's service has been very nice. They swapped a faulty Squier Jazz Bass without any hesitation.

10) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016?
Randall Bramblett's performance at Hoppe Garten in Hamm was awesome! Small and cozy venue, great musicians - and Randall, who is a very talented musician for more than four decades, has never been in Europe before. He signed a CD album that I bought there and I was able to thank him for his saxophone solos on Steve Winwood's album "Refugees Of The Heart" which have heavily influenced my taste in music in my late childhood. Randall was surprised to hear that, because noone has ever talked about it with him. He promised to do a tour through Europe every year now and I will visit another concert then.

Pepe

Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **Mark123** » 15 Jan 2017, 14:29

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1) The best new BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
CE-2w

2) The best new non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
I usually don't buy new..

3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year?
T-rex Mudhoney i

4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year?
T-REX tremster, great sound but not enough volume.
And T-Rex Mudhoney ii

5) Your "brand crush" of 2016 (if it wasn't BOSS!)
T-REX.. Despite the Tremster.

5) Best non-FX purchase of the year? (gear wise)
Boss Katana 50w combo

6) Your favorite guitar used during 2016?
Yamaha SHB-400, runner up and already during 2017 Yamaha SJ-550 hr telecaster . Both from their high quality 80s series.

7) Your favorite amp used during 2016?
Yamaha VR-3000 (x2)

8) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year?
Those 2 amps together for 100,-

9) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc?
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10) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016?
Neil Young in Amsterdam

Mark123

Re: The SBZ 2016 Awards

by **zentropa** » 19 Feb 2017, 19:19

1) The best new BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
VB-2W

2) The best new non-BOSS product of 2016 in your opinion?
Not sure, generally I stay away from new things.

3) Your most satisfying purchase of the past year?
A snark clip on tuner.

4) Your most disappointing purchase of the past year?
A Dimarzio PAF Pro humbucker for the neck slot on a cheapo les paul. I think I would like it as a bridge pickup but I

should have gone with a PAF Joe for the neck.

5) Your "brand crush" of 2016 (if it wasn't BOSS!)
I really like the snark tuner for $15.

5) Best non-FX purchase of the year? (gear wise)
See #3.

6) Your favorite guitar used during 2016?
Didn't play much this year. Sold my PRS and bought my first new guitar since 2002 with an Epi Les Paul Plustop Pro and swapped out the electronics.

7) Your favorite amp used during 2016?
Spent most of the year playing a Marshall JCM900 4501 combo. Had to rearrange our place and ended up going back to my JCM900 4102 combo. The 4102 definitely sounds better.

8) Your best deal/steal/bargain of last year?
A NOS BCB-6 in box or a mint in box MIJ CE-3. Both were $30.

9) Best service award to any retailer/individual etc?
Lavonne music. Some here may have bought some of their NOS Boss pedals I posted a few years ago.

10) The best new album/artist/live event of 2016?
I'm too old to listen to anything I haven't already heard

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