HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

MUSIC LOVERS

For the ultimate personal expression—and for folks who still listen to music on CDs—you could make a compilation of some of your collection that follows a theme that appeals to the recipient. Of course, you’ll have a donor who would love not just a single disc, but an entire box of discs from raras de la música. The cool thing is that it’s also great for expressing yourself as a gift giver. The right choice means you’re paying attention to a loved one’s or family member’s interests and showing that you care.

To find gift cards, head to www.ksounds.com. They carry Gift cards in a number of denominations. They’re perfect for Christmas shoppers. And, of course, there are gift cards that you can use to record music from your vinyl or CDs. You can use them for a perusal of the Billboard charts or even to save money on gift cards. And they’re great for personal expression—just make sure it’s something that you know your gift recipient’s tastes.

One of the most popular and easy ways to give the gift of music is through music gift cards, which can come in various denominations. There are ways to support the local music scene. Consider items that are music-related, that you can’t find anywhere. For example, how about old-school Boogie Records? Successful, small stores like Boogie Records are the wave of the future. O’Connor used to run Boogie Records and he coalition his 40th year in the business by repurposing the old T-shirts. Anyone who comes of age in Toledo has the “TNs and loves music will have to own one of these. $19.95 Culture Clash, on Secor Road near Sylvania Avenue.

Vinyl is all the rage with some listeners, especially your list of LPs with some cool gear. There are the Spin Clean Record Washer for $69, the Spin Clean Record Washer for $69, and even old-school tape players or multi-speed turntables for $125. Ramalama Records, on West Central Avenue near Secor Road.

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The season for big hits is over a number of artists that are music lovers, including a 45-year anniversary edition of the Velvet Underground’s White Light/White Heat, a definitive version of Van Morrison’s classic Moondance, on Jan. 11 at the Huntington Center. There are ways to support the local music scene. Consider items that are music-related, that you can’t find anywhere. For example, how about old-school Boogie Records? Successful, small stores like Boogie Records are the wave of the future. O’Connor used to run Boogie Records and he coalition his 40th year in the business by repurposing the old T-shirts. Anyone who comes of age in Toledo has the “TNs and loves music will have to own one of these. $19.95 Culture Clash, on Secor Road near Sylvania Avenue.

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When you’re going mobile you need good sound, whether it’s docking a cell phone in your car stereo or playing discs. iPhone needs an upgrade, Radio Dave’s Auto Sound Specialties can fix you up. Dave Balcerzak will come to your house or office to help you. Information: findersrecords.com.

The local music scene is on a roll and there are a number of good shows on the horizon. Start with platinum alternative rockers From a Shame for $35.99 at Main Street in East Toledo on Dec. 29, the mammoth boy band Blue Hawaiian for $45.82 at 311 Jan. 11 at the Huntington Cen- ter, and Hotel California A Salute to the Eagles for $22–$25 Jan. 18 at Moore Community College’s La-Z-Boy Center at Neihart Theater.

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* Prices and availability subject to change

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It is difficult to find old-school CD stores anywhere, but not of the best in the part of the country, such as the Columbus Bubba Records in Bowling Green. The store is packed with CDs and in catalog coming up, an owner is limited to just one genre or only one release per artist. The price has been there since 1971 and it’s cool to walk with discs and music. And if you’re interested in what to buy, gift certificates are available. Information: findersrecords.com.

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