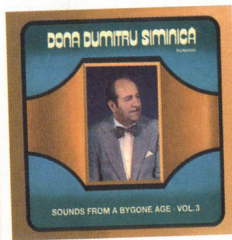


# SONGLINES MAGAZINE

## BEST ALBUMS 2006

We've reviewed over 750 CDs in *Songlines* this year but here's a selection of just ten that stood out for me. I'm pretty sure that one of these personal highlights – the posthumous *Savane* from Ali Farka Touré – is going to be on many Best of 2006 lists, it was clearly one of those releases when all the mysterious ingredients that make a great recording came together. But every disc here has something special that makes it stand out and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend any of these to musically curious friends. They all make the world a more interesting place.

*Simon Broughton*



### 10 DONA DUMITRU SIMINICĂ SOUNDS FROM A BYGONE AGE VOL 3

ASPHALT TANGO

Who'd have guessed that a completely unknown Romanian singer with a name and voice that sounds like a woman would end up a pick of the year? But there was clearly some magic amongst the Bucharest Gypsy singers of the 1960s while Ceaușescu's megalomania was brewing. What's more, it represents not just the great work Asphalt Tango is doing in the Electrecord archives, but the many companies who are bringing forgotten treasures to light – like Network with their *Golden Afrique* series.



**A track from  
this album  
appears on  
the covermount CD**