1- Metropolitan Opera - An NYC cultural institution founded in 1883
2- Corinne Bailey Rae - shot to stardom with her debut single Put Your Records On in 2006
3- Mr. Eazi - Afrobeats star who is signed to Diplo’s Mad Decent record label
4- Magic System - responsible for the 2014 World Cup anthem
5- Parquet Courts - Released their debut album on cassette tape only in 2011
6- Jack DeJohnette - Was a 2012 National Endowment of the Arts Jazz Master
7- Wendy Whelan - despite being diagnosed with scoliosis as a child, she was a principal dancer at the New York City Ballet
8- Ximena Siranana - Started her career as a telenovela actress at the age of 11
9- Lila Downs - part Mixtec and part Scottish, her songs frequently focus on social justice for immigrants and women
10- Emily King - was a regular performer at CBGB’s as a teenager
11- Japanese Breakfast - Dedicated her stage name to her love of food and anime
12- Les Ballets Trockadero - Known for featuring astounding ballet en pointe performed by men
13- Alceu Valença - was referred to in the US as the Brazilian Bob Dylan
14- Big Freedia - Was the impetus for the Ben & Jerry’s ice cream flavor “Bouncin’ Beignets”
15- Originals - DJ collective whose founding member recently broke the internet with the world biggest online dance party
16- Alvvays - Wanted to name their band “Always,” but the name was already taken
17- Railroad Earth - their band name was inspired by a Jack Kerouac poem
18- VP Records - Queens-based independent label with Jamaican roots
19- Fela - a musical based on the life and work of Nigerian musician and activist
20- Buika - performed as a Tina Turner impersonator in Las Vegas in the early years of her career
21- La India - began her career with a brief stint with freestyle group TKA at the age of 16