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Peter Bruntnell

Retrospective (Blind Eye)

Peter Bruntnell started releasing records back in '95. Your reviewer has to confess that while we have seen his name, we had never had an opportunity to listen to his recorded output. He's got a very pleasing voice and a familiar way around melody. The lyrics, while not trite, don't go too far past relationship-based stuff. This is fine music in the folk rock/singer-songwriter style, but essential, I am not so sure. It is definitely more competently executed, but as to whether it is compelling, that is another matter. In the liner notes Mr. Bruntnell mentions his love for Son Volt, and I would say that it a fair signpost for where this record sits. Or, a less slick version of what Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is trying to get near with his solo output. I thoroughly enjoyed discovering Bruntnell's music, and in particular his voice, but I don't know if I am going to be storming the ramparts over my new discovery. Maybe time will move me further in the being passionate territory. Let's go with its interesting and acknowledge that with time, more of his art will reveal itself to your reviewer.

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