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SNAKES AND MUSIC

Isabelle

Universal Warning Records

With a combination of alt. Country and folk influences, Snakes and Music would easily work with bands like Wilco or the Jayhawks. The faster paced songs like album opener and title track "Isabelle" will have you clapping along while some of the more slower paced, country driven tracks like "Philadelphia" shows a whole other side to a band that for the most part is upbeat and catchy. I personally prefer the faster paced songs simply because I like poppier driven music, but that doesn't discount the fact that the slower ones show what this band is made of. There is some filler such as instrumental tracks like "Snake Bites" that I could have done without, but overall there is a perfect blend of influences that make for a strong album. Musically and vocally this is very solid and shows great musicianship. A good listen for any fans of the whole Wilco thing. (JK)

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