

SNAKES AND MUSIC - Isabelle CD (Universal Warning / Union City)

This will be a winner on college radio. Many might classify this as either emo or college rock, and it does have moments of both, but Snakes and Music put out much more. Having members in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey could help in their diversity, or that the band features members of Jazz June, Citron and Translove Airways. Lots of singalongs, make-your-hands-clap beats, hooky keyboards and even a banjo. Indie rock elements blended with moments of blues, country, postpunk, and pop - yet, it still rocks. Much of this has a Low feel, or maybe if Weezer went acoustic (the title track, as well as "Sinking Ships" will confirm the doubting ear). "Burn the Bushes" was cute song, and while I agree with the sentiments... leave the twin daughters out of that fire please. (Sept 05, 2006)