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John Daly

Sea & Sky (Wave Music)

Deep house may not be the most fashionable of club-music genres, but Ireland's John Daly certainly can't be blamed for that. For one thing, he's only been putting out music for a few years. But more important, the music he makes is some of the most gorgeously chilled house around; each track on the new *Sea & Sky* (released on François K's Wave label) seems more beautiful than the last. There's a glacial quality to these tracks; the tempo throughout is relatively slow, while Daly's sound design is crisp as an icicle. If anything, the overall sound is a bit too refined to work effectively on the dance floor, with only a few cuts—most notably, the disco-funky "Freak Out or Get Out"—really letting loose. Yet the album exudes an immense warmth, as welcoming as an idyllic daydream on a sunny spring day. —*Bruce Tantum*



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