

REVIEW USA

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Annika Fehling, "(The Best Of) Annika Fehling-Good For You," Rootsy.nu Recordings

Swedish vocalist and songwriter Annika Fehling has been collaborating with folk and jazz guitarists and performing as a solo artist since 1993, but her music is only now being well received in America.

This new CD, featuring the "Best Of" this chanteuse's work, is the best way I know to catch this train even though it's already left the station. In "Good For You" Fehling presents a 15-tune catalog of songs from her current, recent and past CDs.

The opening and closing songs, "Good For You" and "Seamless" were co-written with Dana Cooper. Cooper is largely responsible for spreading the good news of Fehling's music since the two met at an international gathering of songwriters.

Fans in Sweden, Scandinavia and Western Europe have already developed a fondness for her recordings and appearances. America is next on the list to enjoy her music.

And Fehling's music is deceptively simple in its textures, largely performed with acoustic string instruments from guitars to cellos, violins, violas and even some slide steel guitar. Fehling's sound is ideally suited for lazy weekend mornings and quiet, intimate evenings.

From occasional whisper-sung vocals to lofty, ethereal vocal aesthetics, Fehling's voice is beckoning and engaging. Her original and collaborative songs are well-constructed, thoughtful and often touching in their sentiments, yet she has a reservoir of joy and happiness to offer the listener as well.

Though all the cuts on "Good For You" are listenable and professionally mixed and produced, the piece that stood out to this reviewer as an excellent sample of Fehling's work is "Seamless."

"Do people ever see/ to the ceiling of the heaven above/That is how deep/how vast and complete/is my love/I don't know why/I don't know why/on the shore/ where innocent footprints go before/the moon shines like a highway/upon the ocean skin/where does one end/ and one begin?"

Both releases are available on CDBaby.com. Enjoy!