

# Mp3 The Eric Underwood Band - The Light Behind You



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DREAMY, HARD DRIVING ACOUSTIC ROCK includes songs from "PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTY"

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Behind You Songs Details: Acoustic songwriter pop as good as this only comes along once every couple of years, and when it does, I'm awfully glad for the opportunity to review it within these hallowed pages.

The Eric Underwood Band put a fresher face on what I feel is a musical format that has been hopelessly bled to death. Listening to this disc brings the feelings of freshness and the newness I felt the first time I heard Nick Drake's Five Leaves Left, 10,000 Maniacs' In My Tribe, or REM's Fables. Eric Buddington's tasteful violin alone could set the band's sound apart from all the other drivel out there, but this band goes further with songs that actually mean something, with lots of emotion and lots of integrity, sporing a wide array of folk and rock influences spanning decades. Fans of Jeffrey Gaines, Michael Penn, and pre-crap era Dave Matthews would enjoy this disc with a candlelight dinner and a bottle of chardonnay. Bon

Appetit!-JOEL SIMCHES (THE NOISE-ROCK AROUND BOSTON) CONTAINS SONGS FROM THE INDEPENDENT SKI DOCUMENTARY "PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTY" These guys wowed me at the Northampton Music Fest, and this disc just reaffirms my approval. The Anthens-like,

folky-wail-with-a-purpose, heartfelt, soulful electric/acoustic pop-rock thing is done to great effect on this disc. You might just call it college rock and leave it at that, but if you did, the melodies and harmonies dancing in and out of these tracks might feel underappreciated. Of note is Eric Buddington's violin work, which blends well with Eric Underwood's vocals to help put a truly unique edge on this band's

music.-GEOFF WILBUR (RENEGADE NEWSLETTER-UNSIGNED BAND NEWS AND REVIEWS) The Eric Underwood Band is a Massachusetts based group that's led, not surprisingly, by guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Eric Underwood. The band's CD, The Light Behind You, is an evocative, acoustic

collection of originals. Rich harmonies, crisp melodies and lush acoustic guitars are prevalent throughout, but the band doesn't have your normal "acoustic" sound. It weaves rich, percussive textures and grooves with soaring violin fills. There's some excellent material here, especially the jazzy meanderings of "Patagonia Blue," the sweeping "Exodus" and a rendition of the traditional "America the Beautiful." Fans of the Dave Matthews Band and From Good Homes, among others, should find this of interest.-RELIX The Light Behind You is a fusion of folk, rock and acoustic soul, that would appeal to a broad range of people of all ages. The Eric Underwood Band has created a sound all their own, at times intense and pleading, and then when you feel you know where they're going next, they step into your heart and whisper to your soul. Eric Underwood is currently living in New York City and continues to perform as a singer and songwriter. Although The Eric Underwood Band lineup is no longer together, Eric traditionally uses string players to accompany him both live and on recordings. The use of strings has become Eric's trademark throughout the years. Also, check out the Eric Underwood and Eladia CD DOWN FROM THE TREEHOUSE at CD Baby.

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