

Mp3 Nervous But Excited - Home Spun



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released this month - is no less than their fifth album. Kate sings and plays acoustic and electric guitars here, and Sarah sings and plays guitar, harmonica, mandolin and violin, and her hard-edged, just-this-side-of-strident voice may remind listeners of Amy Ray, especially when she plays the mandolin. But comparisons to the Indigo Girls end there. If Cleaver's voice is a shiny beam, Peterson's is a blue spotlight, all warmth and atmosphere, and the blend of the two has become an NBE success story. It played more like a forced mismatch in their earlier work, but they've since found their footing, and the spark of their vocal interplay - sometimes harmonizing, sometimes bouncing against each other in gleeful contrariness - lights up the CD. Note how Kate sings lead in her own "Coffee Stained" with Sarah singing a lower harmony, then on "Slow and Steady" the parts are reversed, with Sarah singing lead and Kate a third above. This easygoing departure from formula is pretty unheard of for a harmony duo, and that, along with Cleaver's multi-instrumental skills, adds a palette of color that wouldn't otherwise be there. "{Home}spun" is also a live album, but again this is a departure. NBE staked out an unnamed old house in Ann Arbor, brought in engineer Ian Gorman (who seems to be everybody's first choice for remote recording) and 20 or so invited guests. The result is that the "audience" is part of the show in a way that's simply unlike other live albums, and that's the CD's other winning quality. These 11 ruminative, introspective songs - nine originals, four of which they've recorded before - blossom here in a way they otherwise wouldn't, because we feel the presence not just of Kate and Sarah but of the listeners too. The patently rehearsed part singing on "Smaller Taller," the giddy laughter at their surprise take on hip-hop world citizen Wyclef Jean's "Sweetest Girl (Dolla Bill)" - even their decidedly unslick patter, which may have sounded inept in a more typical live album, comes across as human and charming here. They sound nervous, but not ill at ease, just ... well, excited.

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