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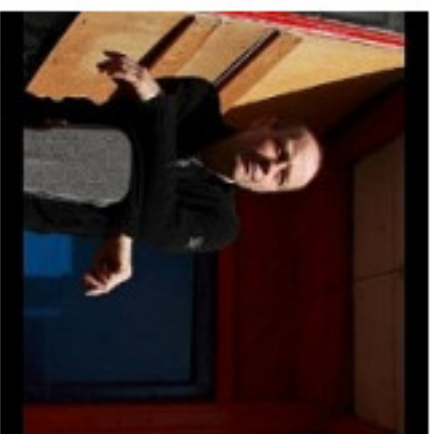
The PR-notes quote from the Cambridge Folk Club is actually an accurate summation of my initial reaction to this man's new album - "...we met David.... we were knocked out..." So was I, because "Transience" is pretty special.

Essentially, David Youngs is a picker and a plucker of guitars, in a similar vein to Pat Metheny and a strummer and stroker like Ralph Towner or John Abercrombie - in short, Youngs can play with the best of them. Except that so far, he hasn't apart from a few select shows with Emily Barker and Miranda Sykes - I think his time will come.

The album starts with a few pretty technical (and just plain pretty) tunes, including the standout "The Greenery", which wouldn't go amiss soundtracking a stroll in the country or a TV programme about the great outdoors. Much of the album is derived from personal moments in Youngs' life - "Technomantra" was written in Thailand, "In Sabina" composed itself in Italy and "Sun Spirit" harks back to the humble days when he busked in London - it's a shame he still doesn't, some of the current buskers are bleedin' awful.

I guess the only issue with the album is it is just Youngs, without any accompaniment, which of course is how it should be, but it would be fascinating to hear some minimal additional atmospherics on the closing "Sea Shapes", maybe some distant waves washing over rocks or a lone violin somewhere in the mix. But, picky requests aside, "Transience" is beguiling for the most part, with only "Technomantra" bordering on hard-work (although technically sharp). For fans of acoustic instrumentals everywhere - especially in a remote setting.

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