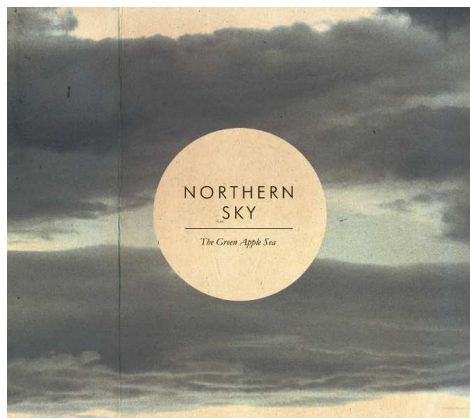


The Green Apple Sea: Northern Sky - Southern Sky

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„Found a dead whale on the beach today...” Thereto sweet chorales, gentleness, sheer beauty. A band sings out against the darkness.

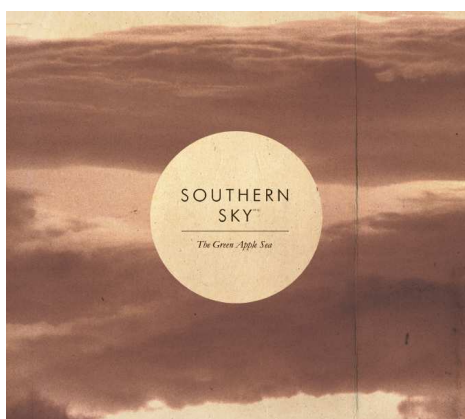


Northern Sky by Lars Hiller, K&F Records, Germany

The bronkenness indicated by the album's title and artwork (the Cd arrives in a DigiPak with two covers instead of a front and a back side) is being explained by Stefan Prange, the singer and songwriter of The Green Apple Sea, on three different levels. It doesn't only represent the two hemispheres, it also mirrors his origins in northern Germany and his southern home in Nuremberg and finally, it stands for a general high and low. Many of these songs originated in a six-month trip through Argentina, in bad news being sent back and forth between the two hemispheres and in the mourning in one place over someone at the other end of the world.

Musically these dichotomies are being resolved in a songwriting as clear and beautiful as a mountain lake. The Green Apple Sea, "state-of-the-art folk- and country-influenced Indiepop in Germany" (INTRO magazine), deliver ten variations of the perfect pop song. The defining element of the album's sound are complex vocal harmonies, soaring into graceful chorales and strewing countless beautiful melodies into these songs. Another important constituent is the subtle and subversive drumming. There isn't any consistent drumming that accompanies these songs but intricate patterns, created by two drummers, swelling an ebbing inside of them.

The result knits the harmonies of fully depressed Beach Boys to the tender arrangements of Nick Drake and to the compositional brilliance of Wilco – a decountrified folk music, reminiscent of the early British and American folk-pop songs à la Chad & Jeremy of the 1950s and 60s.



Southern Sky by Rob Mayes, Failsafe Records, NZ

Amongst the clutter of myspace lives the truly special, and one sunny southern day I stumbled upon just that when I clicked a friend on a friends friend list and ended up listening to one or three of my soon to be favorite all time songs (el fin, rooftops, long distance). It was The Green Apple Sea and their music became the best way to start a day; Toasted Muesli, yoghurt, freshly squeeze orange juice, and The Green Apple Sea.

Friendships develop across oceans and soon I have the definitive collection of all things Green, Apple and Sea, and it's time to put the pressure for more (politely via email of course), and here it is the new album (northern sky, southern sky), an inter-hemisphere vision set in contemplative moods,

like a freshly baked cake on a mild winters day, it warms and comforts, soft to the touch and fresher than mountain air. It charms its way into your life and for that I'm thankful, the next perfect soundtrack to things that need sound; a drive home from a long hard weekend, thinking time, walking to your girlfriends house, or just looking out a window on a rainy day when you need warming on the inside, there's a special place in my heart for this band, and it makes me want to share, to tell you what you're missing or tell you what you should already know: Germany has one of the best kept secrets in heart-meltingly melodic, natural as breathing alt pop bands. Tell the world.

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