
SHEELANAGIG

Baba Yaga's Ball

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Bristol-based band Sheelanagig refer to themselves on their web site as 'Acoustic World-Folk' and I guess that's as good a label as any if you need one. These guys play an amalgam of just about any kind of music you can name with high energy and incredible musicality. Gypsy-jazz, Celtic, klezmer, reggae...it's all in there somewhere and reputation has it that they have a terrific live act. I don't doubt it for a minute. This selection was recorded at Peter Gabriel's 'Real World' studios with producer Josh Clark. Production values are high in all departments (terrific artwork and design throughout). They have recently completed Irish and Scottish tours and an appearance at the Big Chill, no less. If you ask me they will be at a festival near you before long and are worth checking out. For me, the stand-out track on this CD is the quirky, jazz-tinged 'Soup with a Fork' (featuring some stunning double bass from Dorian Sutton), but, to be honest there isn't really a bad track on it.

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