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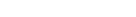
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ANEMO singer carries album

By Ricky Flake

"Slowburn," ANEMO (City Canyons Records,

This recording arrived just before Katrina last year, and got shuffled as I tried to protect my living room from leaks

So, better late than never, here's my opinion on this hot new UK combo. (Aren't you \mathbf{g} lad \mathbf{I} didn't call this column "Finding ANEMO?")

The main feature here is the atmospheric vocals of Hazelle Whitehurst, ANEMO'S front woman, who co-writes most of the songs with keyboardist Kingsley Sage and/or guitarist Matt Palmer.

The resulting sounds range from new-alterna-metal (think Evanescence with a sexy lower vocal register) to the border of hip-hop land.

The opening songs, including the UK hit, "Johnny 5," present tracks which pair electronics with the bassy guitars and throbbing drums that dominate modern rock play lists.

The simmering title song makes the most of this formula, adding double bass to the mix, which is topped by Hazelle's most appealing vocal on the collection. Another highlight is "Same Day Chore."

Fans of modern rock who want a feminine, keyboard-heavy slant on the genre will enjoy

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