

Cornerstone Head Over Heels

Atom Records

This impressive quartet from Austria comprise, Anja Schirmer (vocals, guitars), Stefan Wachelhofer (guitars, vocals), Michael Wachelhofer (bass, keys, backing-vocals), and Hannah Wachter (drums). Lyrics are in English. Anja is a superb singer, her style reminding me of Pretenders'-era Chrissie Hynde. There's a variety of imaginative and melodic rock-songs and ballads, where electric plus acoustic have a chance to shine, sometimes with keyboard-washes. On *Regret*, the mid-section guitar-riff sounds like it could go into *Time Was* by Wishbone Ash and *Leave* has a Mission-feel to it. *Something In The Way*, is a kick-arse song with some grungy rock-out guitar, whilst *Stefania* is a gorgeous, intricate, acoustic-ballad with Anja's beautiful vocals. (myspace.com/cornerstoneaustria) **DK**