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Raw Honey

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Raw Honey is a duo act performing original songs written by the performers Sue Pratten and Miranda Bradley (but not here in collaboration). An excellent group of backing musicians has been employed and the solo and harmony singing by Pratten and Bradley is of a good standard. The songs tend to be a little too bland and sweet for my taste but on the whole they are well written. I would like to hear a little bit more rawness (as suggested by the name of the act), and a bit more passion in the singing, particularly since some of the songs are about emotion-laden issues such as loss, addiction and awareness of the misfortunes of others. It all seemed very controlled and held-back. The album is well produced but, although there is a broad palette of instrumental colours, the arranging approaches used could be broader.