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Worldfly is a five-piece soft rock band with two songwriters, the lead vocalist/guitarist, Michael Maher, and keyboardist, Joachim Gearney. It has the potential of a different kind of sound because one of the players is a cellist (Rebecca Harris), but not enough is made of this arranging opportunity. The standard of performance is good from all members, but there is no stretching of their techniques on show. Texturally the six songs lack variety. There is very little in the way of melodic interplay between the musicians, too much sustained pad from the cello and keyboards, hardly an improvised lick to be heard. Far too safe. The song lyrics could have more poetic imagery, more wit, more sense of place. The most effective lyric is “the world was a beautiful place” simply because it is set in Paris. It takes one there; whereas the others leave the listeners in a kind of narrative limbo.