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Ersatzmusika "Voice Letter"

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Ersatzmusika is a 6 piece band from Berlin. All six members have lived a big part of their lives in Russia, which explains the Russian lyrics, although the song titles are printed in English. The band is formed in 2006 and now, about a year after their start, their first CD was released. Front musician Irina Doubrovskaja plays a central role in composing the music and she is also the female vocalist and plays the keyboard and accordion. Although the record company wants us to file the CD under folk music, the music doesn't even come close to folk music. It's underground pop with drums, electronics, guitar etc. This voice letter has a good overall atmosphere, although the compositions could use a bit more variation. And I miss the English translations of the lyrics. For example *The mushroom hunter* is one of the best songs on the CD but I also get the feeling the lyrics are very important in this song. But now I can't judge that. A nice CD if you like alternative Russian pop music, but if you are into Russian folk this is not the right CD.

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