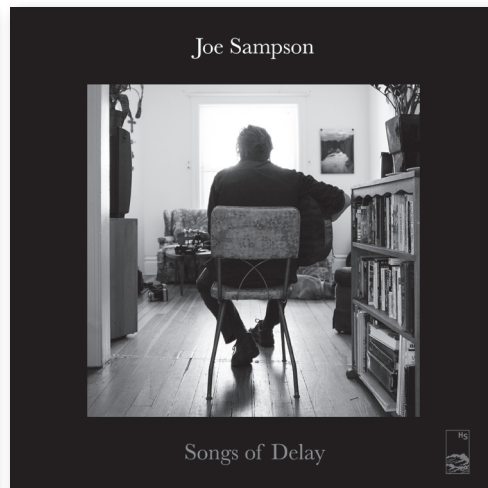




JOE SAMPSON

SONGS OF DELAY



Hidden Shoal is proud to announce the release of *Songs of Delay*, the new EP by American singer-songwriter Joe Sampson, featuring the single 'My Love'.

Songs of Delay is a sublime five-track EP of consummate songcraft. Across its 13-minute run-time, Joe Sampson patiently unfurls a perfectly formed suite of acoustic vignettes, each song exuding a gently mesmerising beauty. Stripped back in both instrumentation and execution, with additional vocals by Nathaniel Rateliff on 'Songbird', the EP leaves its raw, emotional core exposed, evoking the comfortably sad acoustic tones of Nick Drake or Leonard Cohen. Ornamented with often darkly humorous lyrics, intoned in a soft yet road-worn baritone, Sampson's intimate, emotive songs draw you in, gradually weaving their subtle magic.

"The quiet beauty of Joe Sampson's music comes from its stark simplicity, haunting textures and dark mystery"
– **The Denver Post**

Since his childhood days singing in his family's barbershop quartet, up through his years collaborating with celebrated musicians like Nathaniel Rateliff and Esme Patterson, Joe Sampson has steadily sharpened his sound and style, becoming one of Denver's most celebrated songwriters. After being named Westword's Songwriter of the Year in 2008, the alt weekly described his work as "combining the emotional weight of acoustic breakup albums like Beck's *Sea Change* or Ryan Adams' *Heartbreaker* with an aw-fuck-it humour."

Songs of Delay will see release via Hidden Shoal on 12th of September 2016 preceded by first single 'My Love' on the 1st of August.

Hidden Shoal is an Australia-based independent music label and publisher that has earned a reputation for releasing and licensing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal has been chosen as one of Textura's favourite labels and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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