



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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Hidden Shoal Recordings Presents » A Million Square Miles

Perth, Western Australia; 15th December 2009. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the Australian CD release of compilation album *A Million Square Miles: A sample of Western Australian music*, following on from its initial US success.

After more than three years of sharing excellent independent music far and wide, *A Million Square Miles* represents a key facet of the Hidden Shoal Recordings story, and is a beacon for the future of Western Australian music. Bringing together a pair of stunning tracks from each of eight WA-based artists on the Hidden Shoal roster, this sampler album is an essential listen whichever way you slice it.

There's the serpentine indie-rock of Mukaizake and the crystalline instrumental pop of Apricot Rail; the raw intensity of Fall Electric and the shimmering dreampop of Glassacre; the hook-laden squall of Toby Richardson and the lush and subtle songcraft of My Majestic Star; the skewed melodicism of The Slow Beings and the wistful alt-country complexities of Tangled Star. *A Million Square Miles* isn't just great Western Australian music – it's great music, period.

"This is the rare exhibition of musical aptitude that delights from start to finish, with nary a disappointment to be found ... There's no way to know for sure if Perth, Australia is indie rock's next Seattle or Montreal, but Hidden Shoals' impressive roster on A Million Square Miles is bound to shore up some buzz, and deservedly so: it's an exhilarating listen from beginning to end." – **DOA**

"Finding Hidden Shoal Recordings could rightly claim to be in the top 10 best things that ever happened to me, such is the quality and diversity of their roster" – **Boring Machine Disturbs Sleep**

Hidden Shoal began in 2006 as a vehicle for the release of some of the undiscovered musical gems being produced in their home state of WA. The label has never been parochial in the inclusion of local artists in its catalogue; rather, these WA bands and musicians are part of the label's ongoing search for exciting and engaging new music, wherever it is found. It just happens that the Perth music scene is absolutely bursting at the seams with talent.

Over its three years of operation, during which its roster has expanded to include artists from around the world – including Germany, the USA, Belgium, Ireland and Japan – Hidden Shoal has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new music that is not bound by genre or style. The label was chosen as one of the top 10 favorite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine, and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

A Million Square Miles is now available on CD in Australia. The album is distributed in Australia through Hidden Shoal Distribution and internationally via n5Mailorder. *A Million Square Miles* is also available digitally through the Hidden Shoal Store and all good third-party digital music stores (iTunes, eMusic, Amazon, LaLa, Bandcamp, etc.).

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