



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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Perth, Australia; Catania, Sicily, March 3rd, 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the digital pre-release of the album *Soundcheck For A Missing Movie* by Italian sonic cinematographers HC-B.

In each of its eight majestic songs, *Soundcheck For A Missing Movie* follows HC-B's finely trained lens across a breathtaking instrumental rock landscape, rich with detail and swimming with emotive currents. In triumphant single 'Hot Afternoon In The Bulls' Square', free-jazz horns squabble and blare like a swarm of bees before the main theme shines through like an exultant fanfare, supported by a thundering bassline. The gorgeous 'Slow Compensation' winds sinuous synth lines, violin and a longing male and female vocal through the swaying drums and guitars, mustering a quietly anthemic yet intimate epic. And closer 'Missing Movie' brings the house down with a storm of ferocious guitars.

"this is instrumental post-rock with attention-grabbing orchestral construction... HC-B really are something special" - **Even In The Future Nothing Works**

"The music of HC-B frees the imagination, leaving it to roam without the limits imposed by words, seducing with sound frames within which you can figure everything" - **Freak Out**

Named after the great French photojournalist Henri Cartier-Bresson, Sicilian quintet HC-B are masters of a similarly evocative art. Their expansive sound, rich with detail, is a clear reflection of a band at the height of their creative powers. Effortlessly shifting focus and timbre with each movement of their epic song-suites, HC-B channel their formidable talents into some of the most thrilling, symphonic instrumental rock you will hear.

The band formed in 1999 and self-released two EPs, *My Green Apple* and *to101222*, which firmly established their distinctive balance between composition and improvisation across a broad instrumental palette. This was soon followed by the release of their debut album *Sliding On Barents Sea* on Edwood Records in 2003, which received glowing reviews in Italian magazines (Blow Up, Rumore, Mucchio Selvaggio) and webzines (Freak Out, Music Heart, Rockit). Since 2003 the band have played extensively around Italy, supporting the likes of Battles, dEUS and US Maple. The album was recorded and mixed by Sacha Tilotta and Alfredo Musumeci at Dream Factory in Catania, and mastered by Bob Weston (Shellac) in Chicago.

Soundcheck For A Missing Movie is now available in digital format from the Hidden Shoal Store and all good third-party digital music stores (iTunes, eMusic, Amazon etc). The album will see its official CD release at the end of March.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australia-based independent music label that has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal Recordings was chosen as one of the top ten favourite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine, and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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