



I RAZOR (OST)

Ohio, USA; Perth, Western Australia; 16 May 2013. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of *I Razor* by Todd Tobias and Circus Devils, the soundtrack to the no-budget experimental feature film of the same name directed by Todd Tobias.

The *I Razor* soundtrack comprises challenging, playful, twisted, murky and downright beautiful pieces of music by Todd Tobias and Circus Devils, featuring vocals from Robert Pollard (Guided By Voices) as well as instrumental versions of some of the Devil's existing songs. The album is a cinematic feast within itself, uncompromising, redemptive and always engaging. It weaves lo-fi keyboards through shimmering guitar textures, scatters unsettling rhythms across ethereal synthscapes, and unveils kaleidoscopic new treasures among its 30+ tracks with each listen.

"Wistful, pretty, and melancholy, Pollard lets loose a truly affecting melody with a wonderfully natural delivery. It's been said over and over again that he makes it look easy-- and even after years and years of songwriting, tracks like 'You First' indicate that he's far from reaching a brick wall." – Pitchfork on Circus Devils *Ringworm Interiors*

"...demonstrates just how good Pollard can be when he has a worthy collaborator to challenge him... Todd Tobias' keyboard work is the Circus Devils' secret weapon on Gringo; emulating a number of instruments, he adds a variety of bent sonic textures that bring a curious freshness to the melodies, and the codas and introductions bridge the songs with a subtle but deliberate intelligence..." – Allmusic.com on Circus Devils *Gringo*

Told from the perspective of a former scientist turned wandering telepathic man-child, *I Razor* is the story of one man's quest to regain his lost humanity. *I Razor* presents its world in hallucinatory visions, reflecting the state of mind of its main character. The story is told with minimal dialog and an open plot structure, relying instead on visuals and music to carry its narratives.

Circus Devils have been mining the lower depths of underground rock since their 2001 debut *Ringworm Interiors*. The band was founded by Robert Pollard (AKA the 'godfather of indie rock'), front man of Guided By Voices. Pollard is the vocalist and lyricist, while Todd Tobias and his brother Tim Tobias complete the trio and provide the music. Circus Devils create cinema for the ears, in musical styles ranging from lurching acid-rock to hard-boiled ambient soundscapes.

The *I Razor* soundtrack is available in digital and CD formats on the 16th May 2013 (CD pre-orders 2nd May) through Hidden Shoal Recordings. *I Razor* will also see DVD release on the same date. For all details head to the Hidden Shoal Store (<http://store.hiddenshoal.com>).

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