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HIDDEN SHOAL RECORDINGS >> JUMPEL - 'EDINBURGH' SINGLE

Perth, Western Australia; Cologne, Germany; 28 October 2010. Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of 'Edinburgh' by German ambient electronica maestro Jumpel, the first single to be taken from his forthcoming third album *Europa*.

With 'Edinburgh', Jo Dürbeck introduces a bewitching new ingredient to the Jumpel sound – the luscious vocals of Chloë March. Beautifully evoking the rain-soaked streets of the Scottish capital, refracted through a personal lens, 'Edinburgh' is an exercise in elegance and restraint, filling out the shadows and backstreets with ennui. Melancholic piano chords carry the track forward while electronic texture's weave amid March's luminous lyrical play. A departure – yet also an arrival.

'Edinburgh' is taken from the forthcoming Jumpel album *Europa*. Inspired by Jo Dürbeck's travels around Europe, the album transforms Dürbeck's personal memories of 11 different European locations into minimal ambient electronica. The album acts as a kind of abstracted sonic diary, painting the intangibilities and romanticism of memory and travel using sparse yet resonant sound. A simple idea – and one that has produced Jumpel's most restrained and unified effort to date.

"ambient-dub set-pieces of understated yet still resplendent colour... an album of many moods, with dub, dub-techno, ambient, electro-pop, and funk all making appearances... A spirit of languor and ease pervades the album as a whole, rendering it a scenic yet still relaxing travelogue." – **Textura** on sophomore album *Deuxieme Bureau*

"A beautiful, minimal electronic record for the heads... enthusiasts of minimal electronic music will find much to enjoy with Jumpel's new album and its wide sound palate" – **Sonic Frontiers** on debut album *Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach*

"Jumpel brings a wealth of musical and life experience to this meticulously crafted debut album... intimate despite its broad spectrum of instrumental colour and occasional cinematic ambiance" – **Textura** on debut album *Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach*

Jumpel began life in 2005 when Jo Dürbeck, formerly of the German band Bones, began to write and record his own music. Prior to Bones, Jo's formative musical experiences involved playing with empty detergent cans, boxes and a piano in his parents' cellar. In 1986 he bought a Commodore C-64 computer and discovered electronic music. Jo played keyboards, samples and loops in Bones, who over the course of eight years released three albums and seven singles with EMI Germany, and played over 400 gigs in Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. Then, after splitting up the band, Jo and Rene (Bones' singer) founded their own company and studio and started writing and producing music for films. They wrote scores for numerous films and documentaries, and won the award for Best Score at the Filmfestival Valencia in 2006.

English singer-songwriter Chloë March has released two albums, *Snowdrop* (2004) and *Divining* (2008), and the EP *Garden On The Boulevard* (2009); she also composes music for theatre and dance companies. Chloë's highly distinctive fusion of intricate, filmic sound-worlds and sophisticated art-song has seen her likened to many artists, from the Cocteau Twins, Tori Amos and Kate Bush to David Sylvian, Steve Reich, and Nina Simone.

'Edinburgh' is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store and the accompanying music video is available for streaming via YouTube and Vimeo. Jumpel's forthcoming album *Europa* will be out late November 2010.

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 10 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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Jumpel: <http://www.jumpel.de/>

Chloë March: <http://www.chloemarch.co.uk/>