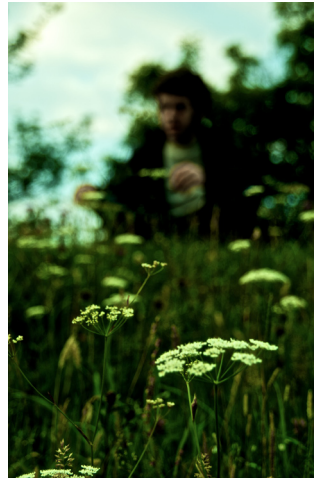




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Hidden Shoal Recordings » RL/VL Album

Perth, Western Australia; Belfast, Northern Ireland; October 30th, 2008. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the album *Chagrin* by Belfast-based electronic composer RL/VL.

chagrin

noun: annoyance or shame at having failed.

verb: to vex by disappointment.

Origin: French, 'rough skin'; direct translation, 'sorrow'.

A village in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, United States.

Presenting an impeccably crafted minimalism and focus married to an ineffable sense of human frailty, *Chagrin* unfolds like the stories of ageless artefacts buried in the earth, still covered in the dirt that was once their home, brimming with micro-histories and rootless memories. Painstakingly layered from a vast array of analogue synths, tape machines, old cassettes and toys, *Chagrin's* beauty lies in the fact that no sound is too small, no detail too elusive. This is ambient electronica of staggering emotive power.

"a hovering, floating, soothing piece of art" – Luna Kafe on single 'Kweens'

RL/VL is the brainchild of 18-year-old Belfast-based electronic composer Jack Hamill. An acronym for Real Life/Virtual Life, Hamill's music works at the often fragile boundary between humankind and the world around us. Hailing from the tree-lined suburbs of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Jack found the epicentre of his inspiration in a sun-soaked autumn spent in the USA in 2006, and has been excavating his compositions ever since.

Featuring the stunning single 'Kweens', *Chagrin* extends a long line of critically acclaimed ambient and instrumental releases available through Hidden Shoal Recordings, including classic works by Slow Dancing Society, Sankt Otten, Wes Willenbring and Cheekbone.

Chagrin is now available through Hidden Shoal Recordings in both CD and digital format. All availability and distribution information can be found at the HSR Store.

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 recently 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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