



## Hidden Shoal Recordings



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### Hidden Shoal Recordings » RL/VL Signing

**Perth, Western Australia, September 1st, 2008. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the signing of Belfast-based electronic composer Jack Hamill aka RL/VL.**

Presenting an impeccably crafted minimalism and focus married to an ineffable sense of human frailty, the music of RL/VL 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. The beauty of RL/VL is that no sound is too small, no detail too elusive.

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 and began excavating his compositions in the last days of 2006. Today, he continues to put sound to tape, fuelled by memories, films, locations and nature as inspiration. He uses a variety of equipment to craft his uncanny sound, including a vast array of analogue synths, tape machines, old cassettes, a computer and old toys.

With previous releases on Acroplane (Tardypoints) and Sounds Asleep Recordings (Gigi's Catch of the Day), RL/VL's first release through Hidden Shoal Recordings is the lo-fi ambient masterwork *Chagrin*.

Hidden Shoal Recordings will release RL/VL's mesmerising full length *Chagrin* on October 30th 2008. The album extends a long line of critically acclaimed ambient and instrumental releases available through Hidden Shoal Recordings including classic works by Slow Dancing Society, Wes Willenbring and Cheekbone to name a few.

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.

**Label Site:** <http://music.hiddenshoal.com>

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