



Todd Tobias Signs to Hidden Shoal

Northeast Ohio, USA; Perth, Western Australia; 5 March 2012. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the signing of musical experimentalist Todd Tobias to its roster of artists.

After years of producing Guided By Voices and playing in Circus Devils with Robert Pollard, Todd Tobias is striking out on his own with his debut solo album. Defiantly unique and vividly realised, *Medicine Show* is a multi-faceted instrumental opus, evoking a shadowy steampunk dystopia.

"A psychedelic boat ride that leads to a poorly lit and wicked place, where even the nursery rhymes of youth become foreboding..." - **AllMusic on Circus Devils' Ringworm Interiors**

Todd Tobias and older brother Tim Tobias grew up in Northeast Ohio, USA, where the two played together in a string of bands, culminating in Clouds Forming Crowns and Circus Devils (the latter with fellow Ohioan Robert Pollard of Guided by Voices). Todd has been Robert Pollard's in-house record producer since 2002, beginning with Guided by Voices' Matador release *Universal Truths and Cycles*. Todd has also produced many other indie-rock projects over the years, including the latest release from fellow Hidden Shoal Recordings artist Kramies (*The European EP*).

Todd has always been a musical experimentalist. While playing in bands as a drummer or bassist, he continued work on his own with a cassette 4 track, creating soundscapes and his own brand of exotic rock. One of Todd's basement tapes eventually caught the ear of Robert Pollard, who then asked Todd and brother Tim to form Circus Devils. Following the debut album from Circus Devils in 2001, Todd began to use the band as a showpiece for his unorthodox musical adventures. After nine albums with Circus Devils, and several dozen album productions with Robert Pollard and a variety of other artists, Todd finally birthed his first solo work for Hidden Shoal, *Medicine Show*.

Medicine Show is released by Hidden Shoal on 26 April, preceded by single 'Manatoc Enters The City / The Long Fall' on 13 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 has been chosen as one of Textura magazine's favourite labels, has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo, and has been described by The Mountain Goats' frontman John Darnielle as "one of the great wonders of our age".

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