



Hidden Shoal Recordings

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Perth, Western Australia; 19 April 2011. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of new single ‘Green Light District’ by Perth’s widescreen indie-rock craftsmen Umpire.

‘Green Light District’ marries Umpire’s sprawling indie-rock sounds and reflective melancholy, providing the instant gratification of massive sun-drenched melodies and soaring vocals. ‘Green Light District’ is taken from Umpire’s forthcoming debut album *Now We’re Active*, the band’s first release to feature new drummer Josh Watkins, and produced at Umpire’s own studio by bass player Simon Struthers.

“manages to completely avoid every current trend being flogged at the moment to approach a timelessness that rewards upon repeated listens” – The Vine on Umpire’s debut EP

“A song I can’t get out of my head. A wonderful place to be.” – Richard Kingsmill on ‘Streamers’

“Record of the year thus far no doubt.” – X-Press Magazine on Umpire’s debut EP

Based in Perth, Western Australia, Umpire was formed in 2006 as a studio songwriting and recording project, where Simon Struthers, Geoff Symons and Michael Lake had the opportunity to utilise the studio as an instrument, developing their songs without the pressures of playing as a live band. The band released their first self-titled EP in 2009, which featured the standout track ‘Streamers’. ‘Streamers’ received rave reviews and achieved widespread high rotation airplay on both Triple J and community radio, as well as taking out the grand prize in the WAM Song of the Year in 2009.

The founding members of Umpire (Geoff Symons, Simon Struthers and Michael Lake) have a long history in the Perth music scene, playing in many seminal progressive indie-rock bands, including Adam Said Galore, O and Hidden Shoal’s very own Mukaizake, so it was a natural progression for the band to develop their live show by adding drummer, Josh Watkins. Performing the songs live has allowed the band to tour Australia and play with many of their musical heroes, including Stephen Malkmus, Built to Spill, Paul Dempsey, The Jezebels, Sugar Army, Jebediah, Love Of Diagrams, Dan Kelly, Bob Log III and Tame Impala.

‘Green Light District’ is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store. Umpire launch their single in Perth on 23 April at Amplifier Bar. Their debut full-length *Now We’re Active* receives its Australian CD release and digital release on 2 June, and international CD release on 14 July. The Australian album launch will take place in Perth at the Rosemount on 4th of June. Umpire will be touring Australia during July and August.

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 and has been dubbed “This generation’s 4AD” by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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