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Hidden Shoal Recordings » HC-B Single

Perth, Australia; Catania, Sicily, February 5th, 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of 'Hot Afternoon In The Bulls' Square' by Italian instrumental band HC-B, the first single to be taken from their forthcoming debut album for Hidden Shoal, *Soundcheck For A Missing Movie*.

Lurching forward from a spray of electric noise, the cantering rhythms that underpin 'Hot Afternoon...' propel the song with irresistible momentum. Free jazz horns squabble and blare like a swarm of bees before the main theme shines through like an exultant fanfare, supported by a thundering bassline. This triumphant single simultaneously deconstructs and embraces fist-in-the-air anthemic rock in enviable style, and announces the imminent arrival of a formidable new album release from these Italian masters.

"The music of HC-B frees the imagination, leaving it to roam without the limits imposed by words, seducing with sound frames within which you can figure everything" – Freak Out

Named after the great French photojournalist Henri Cartier-Bresson, Sicilian quintet HC-B are masters of a similarly evocative art. Their expansive sound, rich with detail, is a clear reflection of a band at the height of their creative powers. Effortlessly shifting focus and timbre with each movement of their epic song-suites, HC-B channel their formidable talents into some of the most thrilling, symphonic instrumental rock you will hear.

The band formed in 1999 and self-released two EPs, *My Green Apple* and *to101222*, which firmly established their distinctive balance between composition and improvisation across a broad instrumental palette. This was soon followed by the release of their debut album *Sliding On Barents Sea* on Edwood Records in 2003, which received glowing reviews in Italian magazines (Blow Up, Rumore, Mucchio Selvaggio) and webzines (Freak Out, Music Heart, Rockit). Since 2003 the band have played extensively around Italy, supporting the likes of Battles, dEUS and US Maple.

'Hot Afternoon In The Bulls' Square' is now available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store until the release of the album *Soundcheck For A Missing Movie* on March 3rd, 2009. The album was recorded and mixed by Sacha Tilotta and Alfredo Musumeci at Dream Factory in Catania, and mastered by Bob Weston (Shellac) in Chicago.

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 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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