



Kramies *The Folklore Sessions*

Denver, Colorado; Perth, Western Australia; 22 May 2014. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of *The Folklore Sessions*, the free new EP by dream-pop singer-songwriter Kramies, featuring acoustic versions of songs from his two acclaimed Hidden Shoal EPs *The European* and *The Wooden Heart*, plus the piano talents of Grant Wilson (Ghost Hunters).

While his previous EPs mined a wonderfully rich seam of atmospheric yet epic songcraft, *The Folklore Sessions* demonstrates that Kramies' songwriting is just as stunning without the undeniable production talents of Jason Lytle (Grandaddy) and Todd Tobias (Guided By Voices, Robert Pollard, Circus Devils). With just his voice and acoustic guitar, plus languid piano backing by Grant Wilson (of Ghost Hunters TV show fame), these stripped-back versions of *The European*'s 'Antiquarian Days', *The Wooden Heart*'s title track and 'Sea Otter Cottage' are given vivid new life through Kramies' genuinely affecting performances.

"It's rare to find dream-pop that resolves with such assured optimism, in which you can sense experience shifting into its proper place... Kramies seems to have mastered the talent of simply breathing it into shape" – Misfit City on single and title track 'The Wooden Heart'

"Pressed upon celestial arcs that usher in distant memories of the mercurial melodic musings of Slowdive and Chapterhouse at their most fragile and angelic peaks, 'The Wooden Heart' is wrapped longingly in snow bursting showers of dream dipped porcelain signatures so intricately woven, airless and frail that you fear they will shatter just by your closeness in earshot of them" – The Sunday Experience on 'The Wooden Heart'

"marries wafting synth textures and an acoustic guitar bedrock to well-honed direct songcraft, making every cut a keeper... evokes John Lennon at his most reflective. Unlike some more well-known peddlers of similar aesthetic pedigree, Mr. Windt's grand sweeping gestures are never empty, and his hooks are never cheap. It's no wonder that with each subsequent listen, I find myself enjoying The European more and more" – PopMatters on The European EP

In 2010 Kramies Windt began writing the songs for *The European* EP, his first Hidden Shoal release, in his coat closet in Colorado. Kramies then toured Ireland, playing turn-of-the-century pubs and small concert halls, which brought new ideas and layers to the songs – including the seed of what would become *The Wooden Heart* EP. *The European* EP was recorded in 2011 with Todd Tobias, with prominent, swirling guitar work from Dave Paolucci. His new EP *The Wooden Heart* once again features collaborations with Todd Tobias, while bringing the undeniable talents of Jason Lytle (Grandaddy) into the fold. *The Folklore Sessions* features Grant Wilson on piano. Perhaps best known as a paranormal investigator on the Ghost Hunters TV show, Grant has also released a solo piano album entitled 1.618.

The Folklore Sessions is available for free download through Hidden Shoal. Head to the Hidden Shoal Store for more info.

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