

BROTHER EARTH

'Out Like A Lion'



Ohio; New York; Western Australia; 30 July 2014. Hidden Shoal is proud to announce the release of 'Out Like A Lion', the new single by American duo Brother Earth, taken from their forthcoming album *Positive Haywires*.

Negotiating the smoky ambience of 'Out Like A Lion' feels like squinting into the dark and tiptoeing down a staircase covered in moss. The darkness is pressing in all around you, but the insistence of the percussion and nylon-string guitar tugs you onward, mesmerised by the incantatory vocal.

'Out Like A Lion' is taken from the forthcoming Brother Earth album *Positive Haywires*, which vacillates between brooding textural pieces and exuberant rock'n'roll at the drop of a hat, chasing the ghosts of pop music past into a hall of cracked mirrors.

Brother Earth is a collaboration between multi-instrumentalist/producer Todd Tobias and vocalist Steve Five. Todd's darkly exotic instrumental music has featured on three Hidden Shoal releases to date (*Medicine Show*, *Night Above Ground* and the *I Razor* soundtrack). Todd is also a member of Circus Devils alongside brother Tim Tobias and vocalist Robert Pollard (Guided by Voices). Steve Five is the guitarist/vocalist/songwriter for the wonderful Brooklyn-based band The Library is on Fire.

Todd and Steve first met in 2007 when TLIOF recorded an album with Todd as producer. During the recording Steve and Todd struck up a friendship, leading to the pair creating backyard music videos for Circus Devils. In the videos Steve played a number of characters, and went on to play the main character in the experimental feature film *I Razor*, the soundtrack of which was released on Hidden Shoal. In 2008 Steve and Todd began recording together as Brother Earth. *Positive Haywires* is a collection of Brother Earth songs recorded between 2008 and 2013.

'Out Like A Lion' is available for free download. *Positive Haywires* is available on 16 September 2014.

Hidden Shoal is an Australia-based independent label and publisher that has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal 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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