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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » *Hotels Where Hearts Go Broke*

Perth, Australia; Seattle, USA; 14th February 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of sophomore album *Where Hearts Go Broke* by Seattle-based sci-fi pop band Hotels.

From the opening salvo of single 'Hydra' to glorious finale 'Flight Of The Navigator', *Where Hearts Go Broke* takes the listener on a thrilling musical journey through airports, streets, bars and, yes, hotels, populated with people falling in and out of love, lost in the gutter but always looking to the stars. This is the most relentlessly paced, hauntingly melodic, damn catchy pop music you've never heard, each song an end credit for the weary traveller or the romantic dancer; a tune you should listen to just before you die.

Throughout this addictive album, crisp, propulsive drumming and beautifully melodic bass are buoyed up by sizzling synths and chiming guitars, with Blake Madden intoning urgent, compelling vocal lines. It's all here: the swooning nu-gaze surge of 'Near The Desert, Near The City'; the edgy guitar clang of 'Port Of Saints'; the gorgeous Bond-esque epic 'The Heart The Hears Like A Bat', with its tremolo guitar and vibraphone rippling out into the night; and the impossibly sublime 'Café Martinique', where the tumbling majesty of Joy Division meets fast-paced chamber pop, with one of the most blissed-out finales you're likely to hear.

*"Hotels fuse elements of new wave, goth, and surf so seamlessly that genre tags will be the last thing on your mind when you hear their bittersweet, atmospheric pop songs"* – **Time Out New York**

*"The collision of new-wave and dream-pop dynamics will have the pleasure endorphins accelerating up your spine towards your brain in no time... smart, succinct, sassy and just that little bit special"*  
– [sic]

Hotels was founded in New York in 2003 by Blake Madden (bass, vocals). Blake moved to Seattle in 2006, creating two different divisions of the band on opposite coasts. The core band in Seattle comprises Blake, Brendan Malec (guitar), Kyle Frankiewicz (synths), and Max Wood (drums). Additional members Rich Bennett (guitar), Hidden Shoal solo artist and songwriter in the band Monocle, and Rich Spitzer (synths, vocals) play shows on the east coast.

*Where Hearts Go Broke* is now available on CD through n5Mailorder, the distribution arm of n5MD, and digitally from the HSR Store and all good digital music stores such as iTunes, eMusic and Amazon. Check the HSR Store for all availability and distribution information.

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 10 favourite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.