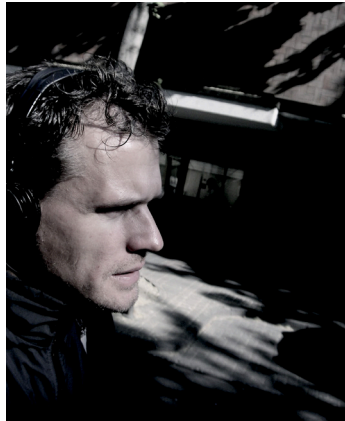




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Perth, Western Australia; Cologne, Germany; November 2010. Hidden Shoal Recordings has announced the release of third album **Europa** by German minimal electronica maestro **Jumpel**.

Inspired by Jo Dürbeck's travels around Europe, *Europa* transforms Dürbeck's personal memories of 11 different European locations into a gorgeous suite of minimal ambient electronica. The album acts as a kind of abstracted sonic diary, painting the intangibilities and romanticism of memory and travel using sparse yet resonant sound. A simple idea – and one that has produced Jumpel's most restrained and unified effort to date.

Like many journeys, *Europa* begins with speculation and tentative steps. In 'Arles' and 'Bern', the delicate pattering of subtle rhythms is counterbalanced with delicate melodic figures, like light reflecting off water. In 'Stockholm', disembodied voices and more forceful rhythms seep into the mix as the album heads towards a beatific plateau of sorts with its central trio of 'Rom', 'Madrid' and single 'Edinburgh'. Beautifully evoking the rain-soaked streets of the Scottish capital, refracted through a personal lens, 'Edinburgh' is an exercise in elegance and restraint, filling out the shadows and backstreets with ennui. Melancholic piano chords carry the track forward while electronic texture's weave amid Chloë March's luminous lyrical play. A departure – yet also an arrival.

'Wien' simply aches with melancholic introspection, tracing one of travel's most wonderfully paradoxical sensations – the feeling of looking back while moving forward. 'Mailand' continues the introspective thread, gliding gracefully into the ambient dub of 'Lissabon', followed by the wonderfully understated electronica and found sound of closer 'Koeln'. Rather than a final point on the journey, 'Koeln' offers a rest point and an understanding that there is always another destination in queue.

"ambient-dub set-pieces of understated yet still resplendent colour... an album of many moods, with dub, dub-techno, ambient, electro-pop, and funk all making appearances... A spirit of languor and ease pervades the album as a whole, rendering it a scenic yet still relaxing travelogue." – Textura on sophomore album *Deuxieme Bureau*

"A beautiful, minimal electronic record for the heads... enthusiasts of minimal electronic music will find much to enjoy with Jumpel's new album and its wide sound palate" – Sonic Frontiers on debut album *Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach*

"Jumpel brings a wealth of musical and life experience to this meticulously crafted debut album... intimate despite its broad spectrum of instrumental colour and occasional cinematic ambiance" – Textura on debut album *Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach*

Jumpel began life in 2005 when Jo Dürbeck, formerly of the German band Bones, began to write and record his own music. Prior to Bones, Jo's formative musical experiences involved playing with empty detergent cans, boxes and a piano in his parents' cellar. In 1986 he bought a Commodore C-64 computer and discovered electronic music. Jo played keyboards, samples and loops in Bones, who over the course of eight years released three albums and seven singles with EMI Germany, and played over 400 gigs in Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. Then, after splitting up the band, Jo and Rene (Bones' singer) founded their own company and studio and started writing and producing music for films. They wrote scores for numerous films and documentaries, and won the award for Best Score at the Filmfestival Valencia in 2006.

Europa is available in mp3 format via the Hidden Shoal Store, and on CD via independent distributor n5Mailorder.

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.

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