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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » Jumpel Album Release

**Perth, Western Australia, August 7th, 2007.**  
**The Australian digital music label, Hidden Shoal Recordings, today announced the release of the stunning new debut album by German artist Jumpel.**

Despite its obvious mastery of the dizzying possibilities afforded by technology, Jumpel's debut album *Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach* is a work of intense intimacy and humanity. The album serves as a testament to the power of careful distillation and minimalism, exuding an emotional complexity that belies its seemingly simple surface. Tracks were borne out of discrete nocturnal recording sessions where ideas sparked from a range of disparate sources: an old drum machine, a radio announcement, a forgotten guitar chord. Through a process of layering and weaving, the album began to take shape. Opaque electronic textures act like sinew, binding themselves to piano and string melodies. The result is an album that must be heard as a whole, yet seems to exist without a real beginning or end.

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.

*Samuel Jason Lies On The Beach* is now available from all good digital music stores including iTunes, eMusic, Sony Connect and Rhapsody as well as the HSR Store.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australian based independent digital music label. The label is a unique marriage of contemporary distribution, marketing and publicity with traditional indie label values and, most importantly, a wonderful catalogue of releases. The labels distribution includes all major online digital music stores as well as its own store.

Hidden Shoal Recordings current catalogue includes releases that slip between the edges of experimental ambient work, shoegazing pop, post-rock and indie rock. The label has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style.

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