



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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Perth, Australia; September 17th, 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the signing of Australian indie math rock marvels Mukaizake to its roster of artists.

After a lengthy absence from the Australian music scene, Mukaizake are set to release *Unknown Knowns*, the stunning follow up to their highly acclaimed 2003 album *Mapping the Static*. The band combines intricate, dynamic guitar structures, borrowing heavily from math-inspired indie rock, with highly accessible song structures and strong melodic vocals. Their songs feature organic, reactive playing, with a depth and subtlety that is revealed on repeat listens.

Mukaizake formed in 1999 when four friends banded together to create a new voice in the Perth music scene. The band comprises Dan Erickson (Bluetile Lounge), Simon Struthers (Umpire, Adam Said Galore), Geoff Symons (Umpire, ex-Adam Said Galore, O!), and Michael Lake (Umpire, ex-Adam Said Galore).

The recording for *Unknown Knowns* began back in 2004, when the band set aside a long weekend to lay down basic tracks. Soon after this initial recording, members of the band relocated to different cities across Australia, putting the band on temporary hiatus. The songs have since evolved, with the band utilising Forensic Audio, Simon's recording studio, to record and re-work the songs over time, with the final mixes finally finished mid-2009.

The extended production and recording process gave the band time to fully realise the awesome potential of the songs. As a result, the six track mini-album is an inspired marriage of melody and composition, all held together by extraordinary musicianship. *Unknown Knowns* features such standout tracks as 'The Yeah Conditioner' and 'Rule Norse'.

Mukaizake have supported artists such as Mercury Rev, Death Cab For Cutie, Will Oldham, Dave Pajo (Papa M, Slint), Something For Kate, The Sleepy Jackson and Big Heavy Stuff, to name a few. Simon Struthers has produced albums for artists such as Felicity Groom, Bob Evans, Apricot Rail and The Kill Devil Hills.

Unknown Knowns will see its official Australia release on December 11th, 2009 preceded by its US and worldwide digital release on November 17th. The first single to be taken from the album, 'The Yeah Conditioner', will be released on October 6th.

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 ten 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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