



## Hidden Shoal Recordings



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### Hidden Shoal Recordings » Mukaizake Single

**Perth, Australia; October 6th, 2009.** The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the first single taken from the eagerly awaited sophomore album by Australian indie math-rock marvels Mukaizake.

The opening rush of adrenaline from their forthcoming album *Unknown Knowns*, 'The Yeah Conditioner' is Mukaizake's triumphant return to the Australian music scene. The track sees the band at their compelling best, combining urgent rhythms, dynamic guitar interplay and Geoff Symons' strong melodic vocals, twisting and flexing into glowing new shapes. While 'catchy' and 'addictive' are over-used terms in the world of indie-rock, 'The Yeah Conditioner' reveals thrilling new facets with each spin.

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). They released their critically acclaimed debut album *Mapping The Static* in 2003.

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, with the final mixes finished in 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.

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.

'The Yeah Conditioner' is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store up until the Australian CD release of *Unknown Knowns* on December 11th, 2009. The album will see its US CD and worldwide digital release on November 17th.

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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