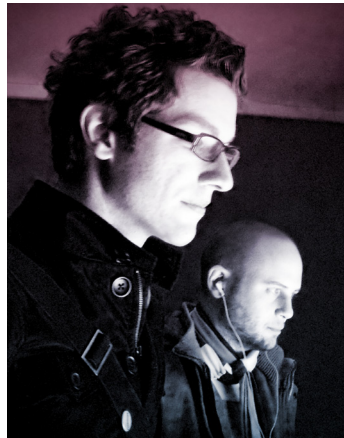


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Hidden Shoal Recordings » City Of Satellites Single

Adelaide, South Australia; Sydney, New South Wales; Perth, Western Australia; October 1st, 2009.
Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the new single by Australian dreampop band City Of Satellites.

'Stranger Than Fiction' is a dreamy swirl of '80s synth sounds, propulsive drumming and Jarrod Manuel's pure vocal tones. The song glides beautifully across a sea of dry ice, its aching melodies to the fore, taking heartrending turns before dissolving into the ether. An addictive and delicious taster of their forthcoming album *Machine Is My Animal*, 'Stranger Than Fiction' is a gorgeous reminder of why people became so excited by City Of Satellites' debut EP *The Spook*, released to critical acclaim in 2008.

"You know when you catch a faint smell of something that totally spins you out and reminds you of something you haven't thought about since you were six, completely changing your day? City Of Satellites have synthesised this feeling into music... traces of shoegaze heroes M83 and My Bloody Valentine, with faint, androgynous vocals drifting in and out of clarity over a dreamy soundscape... an emotionally exhausting and incredibly satisfying little trip" – **Drum Media EP of the Week**

City Of Satellites are two men from two Australian cities. Jarrod Manuel lives in Adelaide and contributes vocals, guitars and synthesizers; Thomas Diakomichalis lives in Sydney and contributes drums, synthesizers and programming. Thomas and Jarrod initially began writing music inspired by the shoegazer, stoner and grunge heroes of their high school days, but over time the influence of the '80s music of their formative years has become more pronounced and more deeply explored. In City Of Satellites' music, raw guitar tones, rich vocal melodies and dynamic percussive rhythms dance and weave around layers of synthesizers, textures and sequences, creating ethereal yet structured electronic pop. The band flesh out the elegant skeleton of post-rock with the warm, melodic muscle of shoegaze rock.

'Stranger Than Fiction' is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store until the official CD release of City Of Satellites's debut album *Machine Is My Animal* on November 24th, 2009. The album will also be digitally pre-released on November 3rd.

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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