



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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Canterbury, England; Perth, Western Australia; October 9th, 2009. Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the signing of English ambient drone architect Stray Ghost to its roster of artists.

The music of Stray Ghost unflinchingly explores the depths of sadness, with fleeting glimpses of peaceful joy and solitude. One of England's most innovative sonic artists, Stray Ghost creates highly emotive soundscapes, rich in cinematic sound design and employing elements of drone, minimalism, shoegaze, ambient and electro-acoustic music.

"Of all the daring new punks giving old ambient stalwarts a run for their money, Saggars is at the top of the heap, a prime example of the refreshing and beautiful ambient renaissance of the past few years" – Jack Britton, *The Silent Ballet*

Stray Ghost is Anthony Saggars, who was born in Oxfordshire 22 years ago. He has only been making music for three years, but has quickly received widespread acclaim. In August 2008, the label Highpointlowlife Records released Stray Ghost's debut release, *Losthilde*, a semi-autobiographical exploration of lost love, which received glowing reviews and featured in Textura's top-of-the-year list. Dead Pilot Records released the *Fabula/Sjuzhet* EP shortly after, followed by the release of *A House of Gold and Oak* through net-label Phantom Channel, which showcased a greater compositional ability, and a more controlled, minimal approach.

Saggars is currently living in Canterbury and is recording a collaborative album with Eugene Robinson, of the band Oxbow, and playing as part of the band Bardo Thodol.

Stray Ghost's first release through Hidden Shoal is the sublime EP *Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise*, out on October 29th, 2009. Then on January 27th, 2010, Hidden Shoal will drop the epic *Losthilde II*, the reply to Stray Ghost's 2008 masterpiece.

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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