



Apricot Rail 'Dore Strauch'

Perth, Australia; 12 September 2013. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of 'Dore Strauch', the new single and its accompanying video by Perth-based multi-instrumental pop sextet Apricot Rail, taken from their 2013 album *Quarrels*.

'Dore Strauch' is perhaps the most incandescently beautiful track on *Quarrels*. Cascading glockenspiels, haunting guitar arpeggios and rhythmic eddies are stirred into confluence by gorgeous updrifts of woodwind melody, which buoy the song along a circuitous path towards an uneasy resolution. Directed by Jules Gay and shot in various locations in Germany, including Berlin, the accompanying video depicts a young woman's hallucinogenic journey through both forest and city, through colour and monochrome, between memory and the now.

'Dore Strauch' is taken from Apricot Rail's second album *Quarrels*. A foray into more experimental territory than their self-titled debut, the album features lush, denser instrumentation, is rich in ideas yet toys with new levels of restraint. The band's trademark harmonic guitar passages and syncopation sit beneath languid brass and woodwind, balanced by glitchy electronica, dramatic crescendos and opium-infused oriental explorations; slow, meandering waltzes give way to moments of ethereal lightness and beauty. This music transcends fads and trends to appeal to anyone drawn to beautiful, supple songcraft.

"Quarrels impresses as a twelve-song collection that makes a more-than-strong case for Apricot Rail's particular blend of instrumental pop and post-rock." – **Textura**

"The Perth six-piece lay out an extremely concise and textured second album with Quarrels... bands like Apricot Rail are about approximating the pastoral splendour and the clean suburban streets of Australia... In a rock culture obsessed with painting Australia as a swamp or southern-gothic wasteland or a retched sprawl of rundown sharehouses, how can a small measure of prettiness be such a crime?" – **Mess + Noise**

"Quarrels is a gorgeous album... It's hard to explain or describe the beauty of Quarrels. You'd better take the listening trip yourself" – **Luna Kafe**

Formed in 2008, Apricot Rail is Ambrose Nock (guitar), Jack Quirk (guitar), Matthew Saville (drums), Daniel Burt (bass), Mayuka Juber (clarinet/flute) and Justin Manzano (guitar/electronics). In November 2009, the then-quintet Hidden Shoal released their self-titled debut album. Since its release, the album has been wowing fans and critics alike, with feature album status galore across Australian radio, charting in US college radio (including a number 1!), and receiving glowing reviews left, right and centre. The band's follow-up, *Quarrels*, was released in February 2013 mixed by Scott Solter and mastered by Simon Struthers (Umpire, Muzaizake). The album was eagerly anticipated and met with critical acclaim by press and fans alike.

'Dore Strauch' is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store and the accompanying music video can be streamed via Youtube and Vimeo. *Quarrels* is available in CD and digital formats from the Hidden Shoal Store.

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