



## Hidden Shoal Recordings

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## Hidden Shoal Recordings >> Apricot Rails - 'Surry Hills'

**Perth, Australia; 21 July, 2011. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of the new single 'Surry Hills' by Perth-based multi-instrumental pop sextet Apricot Rail.**

'Surry Hills' is a stunning new song from the much-beloved Apricot Rail that gradually blooms from a shimmering haze of harmonics and ride cymbal into a delicious interweave of resonant guitars and woodwind melodies. The song's restraint becomes its strength as the hairs on the back of your neck slowly rise. Inhabiting a similar sonic space to Sweden's marvellous trio Tape, 'Surry Hills' is destined to garner a fresh new raft of fans for Apricot Rail's addictive brand of melodic instrumental pop.

After the success of their debut album, ideas for new Apricot Rail songs, including 'Surry Hills', were formulated during the band's extended break late in 2009, after which the songs were road-tested live. While 'Surry Hills' maintains a minimalist, restrained and rustic feel typical of Apricot Rail's debut album, the track also represents a shift in instrumental duties for the band, with new member (number 6!) Justin Manzano (Tin Man) playing guitar, Matt Saville moving from drums to glockenspiel, Daniel Burt moving from bass to percussion, and Jack Quirk moving from guitar to keyboards/electronics, along with Ambrose Nock on guitar and Mayuka Juber on flute.

*"...what genre-defining bands like Explosions in the Sky take eight or nine minutes to do Apricot Rail are capable of in three and a half. This impeccable sense for the immediacy of great pop structures is arguably one of their biggest assets, and is displayed masterfully on their debut album."* – **Drum Media CD of the Week**

*"Imagine the ethereal pop of early Múm, the whimsy of Sigur Rós' more optimistic moments, and (occasionally) the emotional edge of The Twilight Sad. This is consummate indie post-rock laced with Australiana, and well worth checking out."* – **Rave Magazine**

*"Everything about this remarkably polished debut says that it deserves to break through and receive some critical acclaim."* - **dB Magazine**

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 2008, the then-quintet headed into Kingdom studios under the guidance of Simon Struthers (Umpire, Adam Said Galore, Mukaizake) to record their self-titled debut album, released on Hidden Shoal in 2009. 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 has also been nominated for Favourite Newcomer in the Western Australian Music Industry Awards.

'Surry Hills' is available now for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store, along with their self-titled debut album. The single is launched on 6th August at The Bakery in Perth. Their forthcoming sophomore album will be released in 2012. In the second half of 2011 the band are proud to announce prestigious support slots with the likes of Marnie Stern and Akron/Family. Stay tuned for more details.

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 has been chosen as one of Textura magazine's favourite labels and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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