



Hidden Shoal Recordings

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Perth, Australia; Seattle, USA; December 22nd, 2008. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the signing of impossibly catchy American sci-fi pop band Hotels.

Hotels makes hook-heavy sci-fi soundtrack synth rock that goes for the jugular, both sonically and melodically. Picture the bastard children of Devo and Joy Division, pushed down the street in a stroller by Claude Debussy, tucked in at night by the Cocteau Twins, read bedtime stories by Kraftwerk, and baby-sat by your sister's cooler older friends Stereolab and The Pixies, while they tore out the guts of old synths in the garage. The result is the most relentlessly paced, hauntingly melodic, damn catchy pop music you've never heard, each song an end credit for the weary traveller or the romantic dancer; a tune you can listen to just before you die.

"Hotels fuse elements of new wave, goth, and surf so seamlessly that genre tags will be the last thing on your mind when you hear their bittersweet, atmospheric pop songs" – Time Out New York

Hotels was founded in New York in 2003 by Blake Madden (bass, vocals). Blake moved to Seattle in 2006, creating two different divisions of the band on opposite coasts. The core band in Seattle comprises Blake, Brendan Malec (guitar), Kyle Frankiewicz (synths), and Max Wood (drums). Additional members Rich Bennett (guitar), Hidden Shoal solo artist and songwriter in the band Monocle, and Rich Spitzer (synths, vocals) play shows on the east coast.

The band recorded their debut album *Thank You For Choosing...* in New York, which was self-released in 2005, with the song 'Atlantic' featured on a cover CD of Jane magazine. In NY, they went on to play venues such as The Knitting Factory, The Delancey, Lit Lounge, Pianos, Sin-e, and Galapagos. After Blake's move to Seattle, they made their live Seattle debut at the Crocodile Cafe in June 2007, going on to play The Rendezvous, The High Dive, The Sunset, Chop Suey, Comet, Showbox Sodo, and Nectar. Hotels receive avid support from Seattle station KEXP.

Hotels' second album, *Where Hearts Go Broke*, was recorded in Seattle at Chromasound and Bear Creek, and is due for release on Hidden Shoal on Valentine's Day 2009, preceded by a single on January 16th.

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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