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Hidden Shoal Recordings » [The] Caseworker 'National Runner'

Perth, Australia; Lausanne, Switzerland; Petaluma, USA; Clifton-upon-Teme, UK; 18 August 2011. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of the new single 'National Runner' by garage-dreampop trio [The] Caseworker.

With 'National Runner', [The] Caseworker have an instant pop classic on their hands. The song's consummate balance of drone and chime features a heady mix of hypnotic guitars and driving rhythm section, all perfectly offset by Conor Devlin's starry-eyed vocal. Learning that the track is an ode to famed Ethiopian Olympic long-distance runner Miruts Yifter makes all the more sense after being doused in its heady atmosphere.

'National Runner' opens the band's third album *Letters From The Coast*, which sees [The] Caseworker continue to deliver their own unique sonic magic. The album has the feel of a shoegazing Velvet Underground reared by the Flying Nun label, creating an enigmatic intimacy and atmosphere, which the band wrap around immaculately crafted pop songs like smoke. Perfectly intoxicating.

"[The] Caseworker extract darkness from inside whispery, ambient pop... completely enraptured and awesomely dazed" – **Rolling Stone**

[The] Caseworker was initially formed by Conor Devlin (vocals, guitar) and Eimer Devlin (vocals, bass) as a San Francisco-based recording project back in 2003. They released their first album *These Weeks Should Be Remembered* in late 2003. Rave reviews prompted the band to try some live shows, with Will Waghorn joining on drums, and extra guitar provided by Monte Vallier (who also played with Swell). Two more albums followed over the next three years: *East of Sunset*, a soundtrack album of Tom Waits covers, and their second album of original songs, *When I Was A Young King*, in 2006. Between 2007 and 2009 [The] Caseworker went on accidental hiatus as the band members moved around the world. They're now based respectively in Lausanne, Switzerland, Petaluma, USA, and Clifton-upon-Teme, UK. Their new album, *Letters From The Coast* (Hidden Shoal, 2011), was recorded by Monte Vallier at San Francisco's Ruminator Audio Studios (Young Prisms, Weekend, Tommy Guerrero).

'National Runner' is available now for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store. The single is taken from forthcoming album *Letters From The Coast*, released on 22 September.

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