



## Hidden Shoal Recordings



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### Hidden Shoal Recordings » City Of Satellites EP

**Perth, Western Australia; Adelaide, South Australia; and Sydney, New South Wales; November 25th, 2008. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the EP *The Spook* by Australian post-rock dreampop duo City Of Satellites.**

Across its three expansive tracks, *The Spook* covers more musical and emotional ground than most full-length albums. Majestic synthscapes are punctuated by pounding rhythms, melodic themes are afforded the space and time to elegantly unfold, and the whole amounts to so much more than the sum of its undeniably beautiful parts.

The full version of single 'Moon In The Sea' opens the EP with delayed guitars, bass and drums swathed in an eerie mist of synths and chimes, above which Jarrod Manuel's emotive vocals shine clear and true. Then, the loping grandeur of 'Sleeping Disgrace' threads backwards guitar loops and drones through a landscape of post-rock-coated opium pop. And the stunning title track sends shivers up the spine as it layers soaring synths across a glistening bed of guitars, bringing the listener back down to earth as its draw the EP to a close. Like all the best atmospheric music, the whole EP breathes and throbs with life, ebbing and flowing beautifully throughout its near-25-minute running time.

Jarrod Manuel (vocals, guitars, synthesizers) and Thomas Diakomichalis (drums, synthesizers, programming) initially began writing music inspired by the shoegazer, stoner and grunge heroes of their high-school days, but over time the influence of the '80s music of their formative years has become more pronounced and more deeply explored. The band flesh out the elegant skeleton of post-rock with the warm, melodic muscle of shoegaze rock, mustering an all-enveloping sound reminiscent of The Cure, Mogwai and M83.

*The Spook* is now available through Hidden Shoal Recordings in both CD and digital format. All availability information, including third-party stores and distribution, can be found at the HSR Store.

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 recently 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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