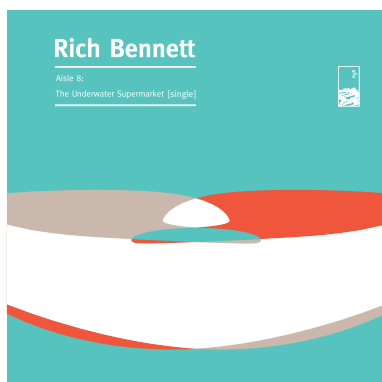


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Hidden Shoal Recordings » Rich Bennett Single

Perth, Western Australia and New York City, 12th August 2008. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the first single to come from the debut solo outing by Monocle's Rich Bennett.

Taken from Rich Bennett's upcoming solo debut *Music For Underwater Supermarkets*, 'Aisle 8: The Underwater Supermarket' is a dreamy, intoxicating and alluring ode to memory. While undoubtedly influenced by muzak and lounge jazz, the precise playing, dextrous melodies and flawless execution make the song so much more than an exercise in perfection – this is charming and elegant instrumental music that engages on a level beyond the direct and literal.

Classic jazz instrumentation, including vibraphone, a pert bass and flute, weave their way around a melancholic synth that prevents the song from lapsing into parody, instead rendering it a shining and strangely moving symphony to daydreaming. 'Aisle 8: The Underwater Supermarket' closes Bennett's forthcoming mini-album, drifting the listener away into blissful reverie before reaching over to press play for another trip down its glistening aisles.

Since early childhood, the music of supermarkets, elevators and doctor's offices has been floating around inside Rich Bennett's head. When Bennett began to make his own music, much of it seemed to come from the first delightfully soporific melodies he heard while riding around in his mom's shopping cart as a child. Indeed, Bennett's debut solo outing *Music for Underwater Supermarkets* is the glistening fruit of a retreat back to those aisles. While informed by the

familiar, *Music for Underwater Supermarkets* breathes gentle yet strange new life into the everyday.

Bennett has been involved in many musical projects over the years, including avant-rock group Friendly Bears and of course Hidden Shoal's very own Monocle, whose stunning debut *Outer Sunset* made a number of top ten of 2007 lists as well as garnering a mass of glowing reviews. He has also performed and recorded with Seattle-based cinematic rock band Hotels, written chamber music for the Pamplemousse New Music Ensemble, and produced NYC-based singer-songwriters Rebecca Pronsky, Mari Rosa and Dan Shuman.

'Aisle 8: The Underwater Supermarket' is now available from the Hidden Shoal Recordings Store. The single will be available for free download until the 9th of September, when Rich Bennett's debut mini-album *Music for Underwater Supermarkets* is released. The mini-album will see both digital and CD release.

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 ten 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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