



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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Hidden Shoal Recordings » Sankt Otten *Morgen wieder lustig*

Perth, Western Australia; Osnabrueck, Germany; 1st September 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the digital pre-release of the stunning new album by German instrumental duo Sankt Otten.

Sankt Otten's fourth album sees the duo's sound evolving once again, while retaining the undeniable hallmarks of atmosphere, melodic dexterity and depth. *Morgen wieder lustig* employs stacks of luscious synthesizers, with knowing nods to fellow Germans Kraftwerk and Klaus Schulze, alongside Oliver Klemm's hallmark soaring guitar drones and Stephan Otten's unmistakable rhythms. The album presents a musical vision that is both epic and personal – a kind of internal cinema.

Single 'Lustig, lustig demain encore lustig' is a prime example of Sankt Otten's glorious new direction. The track acts like a magnet, irresistibly drawing the listener along with its hypnotic drums. Elsewhere the album is soaked in majestic refrains, demonstrating Sankt Otten's control of rhythm and texture. While their early sonic experiments explored the brooding and frayed edges of ambient, post-rock and jazz, these new songs push this relationship to a new level. *Morgen wieder lustig* shifts from the head-rush ambience of 'Das bezahlte Lob' to the dark and twisted post-jazz of 'Fromme Lügen'. Just when you think you have the album pegged, 'X für U' drags you on a melancholic, Klaus Schulze-inspired sc-fi odyssey.

"a noir tweaked cruise controlled cosmic hyper drive, the wide screen panoramic aspects, the motorik purr of crystalline electronic pulses and the precision honed glacially sculptured detailing endow it with a minimalist mesmeric mastery" - **Losing Today on Single 'Lustig, lustig demain encore lustig'**

"... at their best ('Tiefgang', 'Meter (Heute Anders)', the Eno-esque 'Ende Gut') the band breaks through into a nocturnal wonderland all their own... Otten's post-trip-hop, sample heavy atmospheric aren't quite like anyone else out there..." - **PopMatters on *Eine Kleine Traurigkeit***

Morgen wieder lustig will be available in digital format from the Hidden Shoal Store and all good third-party digital music stores (iTunes, eMusic, Amazon, LaLa etc) on the 1st of September, 2009. The album will see its official CD release on the 22nd of September.

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 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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