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North Carolina, USA; Perth, Western Australia; 25 August 2011. Hidden Shoal Recordings is proud to announce the release of the new single ‘The Great Cold’ by US producer Scott Solter, taken from the re-release of his glacial ambient masterpiece *One River*.

‘The Great Cold’ is an invigorating five-minute immersion into one of the seven gorgeous flowing passages that comprise *One River*. Chilly, gaseous tones swell and recede, all the while shadowed by a ghostly high note. The icy stillness is occasionally punctuated by a discreet found sound, which acts as a kind of pivot point between focus and diffusion. Solter creates an unforgettable atmosphere, which becomes all the more moving when experienced as part of the complete album. The track is accompanied by Mark Solter and Laura Solter’s immersive, impressionistic video, in which burnished forms simultaneously suggest the vast expanses of space and the intricate textures of cellular surfaces.

As its name suggests, *One River* comprises an unhalted flow across its seven tracks. The album’s textural undercurrents bring the music to life, its surface showing the muted effects of slowly brewing, submerged energy. It is this alchemical approach that gives *One River* such a haunting presence – the listener feels the presence of sonic ghosts, echoes of something far removed from their origins and their original form.

Originally released on Tell-All Records in 2005, *One River* sees Scott Solter exploring the space between Brian Eno’s seminal *Music For Airports* and William Basinski’s contemporary classic *The Disintegration Loops*. The music sighs and aches beautifully, gradually transforming with subtlety and grace, lulling the listener into blissful reverie.

“If you can imagine the pure abstraction of middle C, without the intermediation of breath or fingers touching strings or any effort at all, that’s essentially the sound of One River.” – **Dusted**

“a mixture of heavily processed guitars, field recordings, and manipulated voices (provided by Wendy Allen) comparable to Brian Eno. Seven songs run seamlessly together, each inhaling and exhaling tone after tone... landscape imagery comes to mind in every song, making listening to this record not so like hearing a story as taking a journey.” – **Pitchfork**

As a producer, recordist and mixer, Solter has worked with numerous indie artists, including Erik Friedlander, Spoon, The Mountain Goats, John Vanderslice, Lazarus, The Forms, Pattern is Movement, Superchunk, Okkervil River, Liam Singer, and St Vincent. Other than *One River*, Solter also released solo album *The BriefLight* on Manifold Records in 2003. He has also executed a number of remixes, including *Scott Solter Re-Populates The Caribbean* (Hidden Shoal, 2009), as well as remixes for Division Day, Voices Voices, and Neon Indian, plus Hidden Shoal band Salli Lunn’s track ‘Mirror Girl’. He is a member of The Balustrade Ensemble, producing 2007’s *Capsules* for Dynamophone Records, and Hidden Shoal’s very own Boxharp with Wendy Allen.

‘The Great Cold’ is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store. The track is accompanied by a stunning video from Mark Solter and Laura Solter, who have also produced a full-length visual accompaniment for the *One River* album. *One River* is re-released on Hidden Shoal on 29 September and will be available in mp3 and CD formats.

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 has been chosen as one of *Textura* magazine’s favourite labels and has been dubbed “This generation’s 4AD” by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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