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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » Stray Ghost EP

Canterbury, England; Perth, Western Australia; October 29th, 2009. Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of *Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise*, the new EP by English ambient drone architect Stray Ghost.

On his latest EP, Anthony Sagggers works his magic in reverse. Rather than begin at the bottom, exploring the depths of melancholy, *Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise* is dominated by waves of rich, major-key chords, which seem to be simultaneously advancing and receding, suspending the listener. It is perhaps one of the most light-filled and hopeful of the Stray Ghost releases thus far. However, *Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise* is still frayed at the edges and cut through with vulnerability. Although reinforced by glowing, enveloping drones, there's ever the sense that everything is about to fall apart – albeit beautifully.

Ten-minute opener 'La Belle Semaine' blossoms into life with wavering Mellotrons and blankets of rich synths. Halfway through, the music begins to disappear, before shimmering back into life with a tremolo pulse. Shorter centrepiece 'Au Revoir à la Belle Semaine' reprises the wavering Mellotron, but fractured by metallic tones and distant ringing. Finally, 'Réminiscences Et Rêves De Beauté' takes all the elements of the preceding tracks, aerates them, then sends the tape loop disintegrating into nothingness across another ten spellbinding minutes.

*"Of all the daring new punks giving old ambient stalwarts a run for their money, Sagggers is at the top of the heap, a prime example of the refreshing and beautiful ambient renaissance of the past few years"*  
– Jack Britton, *The Silent Ballet*

One of England's most innovative sonic artists, Stray Ghost creates highly emotive soundscapes, rich in cinematic sound design and employing elements of drone, minimalism, shoegaze, ambient and electro-acoustic music. Born in Oxfordshire 22 years ago, Anthony Sagggers has only been making music for three years, but has quickly received widespread acclaim. In August 2008, the label Highpointlowlife Records released Stray Ghost's debut release, *Losthilde*, a semi-autobiographical exploration of lost love, which received glowing reviews and featured in Textura's top-of-the-year list.

*Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise* is the first in a special new series of digital-only releases by Hidden Shoal Recordings. The EP is available now in all digital formats, including lossless. For all availability information, visit the Hidden Shoal Store. On January 27th, 2010, Hidden Shoal will release the epic full length reply to Stray Ghost's 2008 masterpiece *Losthilde*.

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 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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