



Hidden Shoal Recordings



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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » *Stray Ghost Nothing, But Death*

Canterbury, England; Perth, Western Australia; March 4th, 2010. Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of *Nothing, But Death*, the new album from English ambient drone architect Stray Ghost.

*Nothing, But Death* is the epic full-length reply to Stray Ghost's widely acclaimed 2008 album *Losthilde*. On this immersive new release, Anthony Saggars mines the rich depths of melancholy and longing, crafting a slow, sad drift of distant melodies, cloaked in smoky ambience. The album signals further development in Saggars' masterful handling of drone, minimalism, shoegaze, ambient and electro-acoustic music, leading the listener through highly emotive soundscapes, rich in cinematic sound design. This is music of almost unbearable poignancy and colossal scope that rewards deep listening.

True to its song titles, comprising 'Part 1' through to 'Part 8', including the single 'Part 4', *Nothing, But Death* is a complete yet perpetually shifting experience, taking the listener through half-remembered landscapes with slow, descending lump-in-the-throat melodies. Each rise and fall feels like a slow-motion chapter in some narcoleptic romance. And while the album is melodically rich, it never compromises its larger ideals and its over-arching sense of movement.

*"Things just sort of came to a standstill when I began listening to Stray Ghost's three-piece offering, Each Paradise Is A Lost Paradise. Anthony Saggars' work will set you floating, relaxed and completely trusting, in the deeper waters of his slow, hushed drifts and dimly described environments.... Nothing is wasted here; every sound, musical or otherwise, is crucial and placed just so—and the attention to detail shows in how well the music stands up to a deep listen."* – **Hypnagogue on the Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise EP**

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

Stray Ghost is Anthony Saggars. In August 2008, the label Highpointlowlife Records released Stray Ghost's debut release, *Losthilde*, which received glowing reviews and featured in Textura's top-of-the-year list. Dead Pilot Records released the *Fabula/Sjuzhet* EP shortly after, followed by the release of *A House of Gold and Oak* through net label Phantom Channel. In 2009, Hidden Shoal released the *Each Paradise is a Lost Paradise* EP. Saggars is currently living in Canterbury and is recording a collaborative album with Eugene Robinson, of the band Oxbow, and playing as part of the band Bardo Thodol.

*Nothing, But Death* is available in CD and digital format through Hidden Shoal Recordings on the 4th of March, 2010.

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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