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Perth, Western Australia, February 12th, 2007. The Australian digital music label, Hidden Shoal Recordings, today announced the signing of US ambient artist, Wes Willenbring, to its roster of artists. The signing prefaces the Hidden Shoal Recordings release of the album, "Somewhere Someone Else" on the 26th of February, 2007.

"Somewhere Someone Else" is a work of muted radiance. Sounds of piano and guitar wash in and out of recognition, providing a kind of dislocated comfort. The album slowly breathes in and out with an undeniable melancholic warmth, like a sad dream you don't want to wake from. Traversing some of the post ambient territories of peers such as Windy and Carl, The Dead Texan and Labradford, "Somewhere Someone Else" manages to carve its own unique sonic and emotional landscape.

Wes Willenbring was forced into taking piano lessons at the age of seven, and after years of arduous practice he eventually turned to the guitar so he could learn the chord progression to "Lay Lady Lay." An obsession with recording techniques and aesthetics then led to a disturbingly large collection of equipment and microphones. After years of writing and recording music both solo and in a variety of collaborations he has now set up home and studio in San Francisco. Willenbring's songs revolve around the primary el-

ements of piano and guitar. They are disassembled, reconstructed and manipulated to create music that is both visceral and expressive. This bridging of melody and texture, of form and formlessness act to draw the listener into territory that is at once unknown yet intimately familiar.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australian based independent digital music label. The label is a unique marriage of contemporary distribution, marketing and publicity with traditional indie label values and, most importantly, a wonderful catalogue of releases. Our current distribution channels include iTunes, eMusic, Sony Connect and the HSR Store.

Hidden Shoal Recordings current catalogue includes releases that slip between the edges of experimental ambient work, shoegazing pop, post-rock and indie rock. The label has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style.

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