

SINGLE PRESS RELEASE

Hiva Oa

Badger / Urban

Artist: Hiva Oa

Single: Badger / Urban

Tracks:

1. Badger
2. Urban

Release: 10th December 2012

Label: mini50records

Format: Download

For fans of: Mount Eerie, Songs: Ohia, Low



Scottish based three-piece **Hiva Oa** released their debut album this year - ***The Awkward Hello, Handshake, Kiss***. Before the band prepare to unleash new material next year, they're bookending 2012 with the double a-side single release ***Badger / Urban***, taken from the aforementioned debut.

"Badger" has a heart wrenchingly eerie sound that creeps inside your bones. Stephen Houlihan's ghostly vocals echo and intertwine around beautiful strings whilst percussion slowly builds. Although the band site **Tom Waits** and **Mount Eerie** amongst their musical influences, there's a similarity to experimental hip-hop outfit **UNKLE**'s "Rabbit In Your Headlights" here, with Hiva Oa's combination of disjointed beats and haunting vocals. The video for the track matches the song's mysterious, dream like intricacy.

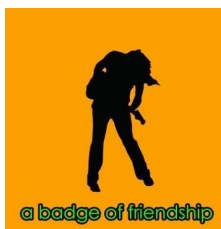
After "Badger", "Urban" is a pleasant u-turn, more reflective of the band's influences. Armed only with a simple acoustic guitar, the song channels an **Iron & Wine** vibe. The track also features on their album, making this double a-side treat an insight into Hiva Oa's diverse writing style.

Although the band hail from Edinburgh, each member - **Stephen Houlihan**, **Christian Smallwood** and **Marco Calderone** - came together from Ireland, Belgium and Italy respectively. They've have had a busy year with the release of their debut album and their EP ***Future Nostalgia For Sale***. As well as a successful album launch, they have supported a number of their peers on the scene including the acclaimed **Adam Stafford**, **Admiral Fallow** and **Conquering Animal Sound**.

Following the release of "Badger", Hiva Oa are planning another single late January 2013 an EP in April and finally their second album nearing the end of 2013. This is just the beginning for the band who promise to be one of the most exciting prospects of 2013.

Hiva Oa release the single *Badger / Urban* via **mini50records** on **10th December 2012**.

- **Hiva Oa** are available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request



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