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LOWER DENS

Twin-Hand Movement

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Swarming guitar fuzz, bass waves, insistent drum throbs and **Jana Hunter**'s redolent, charred voice are the core components of Baltimore's **Lower Dens**. Hunter, sometimes known for intimate, ghost-heavy weird-fi, now writes and plays with a group that might get filed under **new wave**, or **drone pop**, or **post-punk**. With due deference to her solo work, we're very glad.

The band's debut full-length record, *Twin-Hand Movement*, is eleven perfect songs long. From opener "Blue & Silver" (anxiety mounts at a quick clip until the final climactic release) to "Plastic & Powder" (a churning, narcotic slow-burner) to "Hospice Gates" (penultimate album cut, proud weirdo anthem, possible creative zenith), not one is a space-waster. They're rife with the **survivalist paranoia** one expects from residents of a post-urban port hole (and this particular songwriter), crafted methodically and beautifully, and carry the listener enthusiastically out into the rolling breaks of industrial filth-water.

Lower Dens formed in early 2009, when Hunter set about finding a full-time band. They spent the rest of the year sweating in attics and basements, and only stepped out of the shadows to do a quick tour and record. *Twin-Hand Movement* was recorded by **Chris Freeland** (ex-Oxes drummer; proprietor of Beat Babies, Baltimore), mixed by **Chris Coady** (at his DNA, NYC), and mastered by **Sarah Register** (of the Lodge, NYC and the band Talk Normal.)

They'll tour this summer, first through the US with hometown friends **Future Islands** and then again and again, and everywhere.

TRACK LISTING

1. Blue & Silver
2. Tea Lights
3. A Dog's Dick
4. Holy Water
5. I Get Nervous
6. Completely Golden
7. Plastic & Powder
8. Rosie
9. Truss Me
10. Hospice Gates
11. Two Cocks

- Debut album from Jana Hunter's new band
- Eleven tracks of post-punk drone pop
- Vinyl includes digital download coupon
- Press via Forcefield PR
- Touring the US this summer with Future Islands
- No export restrictions

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