

# TOPS

## Picture You Staring



TOPS are a four-piece band from Montreal, equal parts girls and guys, delivering a raw punk take on AM studio pop. Their new record, *Picture You Staring*, is a lush array of timelessly crafted songs.

Singer Jane Penny gives a new voice to the silent girl at the edge of the circle, disillusioned but honest and unpretentious, a tone complemented by David Carriere's seamless guitar playing and the measured drumming of Riley Fleck. TOPS' subtle arrangements are delivered with a cool restraint that blend with the individuality and self-assured desire of their female lead.

*Picture You Staring* gathers strength through intimacy. Self-written, recorded and produced at Arbutus Records' studio in Montreal over the course of a year, this album contains 12 impeccable examples of pop craftsmanship that will reward repeat listeners.

- LP release includes huge 18x24 party poster.
- Limited edition LP on "coke bottle clear" colored vinyl.
- Extensive North American and European touring planned around release.
- "Rings Of Saturn" music video has over 175k views on YouTube.
- Toured North America supporting King Krule this past December.
- Key markets: New York, LA, San Diego, Montreal, Toronto, London.
- Strong following in Lawrence KS, Lynchburg VA, Detroit MI, McAllen TX, and Atlanta GA.

CD: 656605530420



LP: 656605530413



### TRACKLISTING

- 01 Way to be Loved
- 02 Blind Faze
- 03 Circle the Dark
- 04 Outside
- 05 All the People Sleep
- 06 Sleepwalker
- 07 Superstition Future
- 08 2 Shy
- 09 Change of Heart
- 10 Easier Said
- 11 Driverless Passenger
- 12 Destination

"Super crushing on TOPS right now, a breezy Canadian four piece who runs the gamut from light-jazzy indie pop [...] to skewed Grimes-y synth wierdness."  
- Bullet

"*Tender Opposites* sits rather sublimely in the eerily, experimental sweet spot between Veronica Falls and Stereolab. It combines the gorgeous vocals of lead singer Jane Penny [...] and the kind of scratchy, understated delivery and playful, off-kilter arrangements that draw you in from the first listen."  
- BBC

"*Tender Opposites* is a technical delight, sounding like psych-nitwits Deerhoof giving an old friend a bearhug."  
- NME

CATALOGUE NUMBER: ABT040

ARTIST: TOPS

TITLE: Picture You Staring

GENRE: Indie, Pop

RELEASE DATE: September 2nd, 2014  
(September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in UK / Europe)

AVAILABLE FORMATS: CD, LP, Cassette

TERRITORY: Worldwide ex. Australia, Japan

BOX LOT: CD - 30, LP - 30

RIYL: Blood Orange, Mac DeMarco, Fleetwood Mac

ASSOCIATED RELEASES:

- ABT024 TOPS "Tender Opposites"
- ABT041 TOPS "Change Of Heart / Sleepwalker"

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