

TOPS

Sugar At The Gate



For *Sugar At The Gate*, their third and most ambitious album to date, Montreal's TOPS peaced out to LA. They lived and recorded at "Glamdale", a mini-mansion and former brothel located in the Jewel City, Glendale, CA. The unassuming record unfolds slowly, taking time to reveal itself. Like nearly everything TOPS does, multiple meanings overlap with the album's title referring to orgasm, but also to carrot chasing, gatekeeping, and the social contract.

"Living in LA was living out a teenage fantasy," says vocalist-songwriter Jane Penny, "living with your band and practicing in the garage. It was also the first time we've ever had that much space to make music. I took the experience of living LA as a challenge to make music that I know is real to me, in the sense of it feeling true and containing true feelings, but also recordings of great songs, the real thing."

Layers of sarcasm and sincerity seem to enfold the group like flower petals, yet TOPS' flawless musicianship and profound grasp of pop fundamentals are the surest sign that at the core, it's all as real as it sounds.

- *Sugar At The Gate* is TOPS' third LP, following 2014's breakthrough album *Picture You Staring*.
- First 1,000 LP copies on limited edition sunshine yell-o vinyl. All LP copies come with newsprint lyric poster.
- *Picture You Staring* sold 15k+ copies, its music videos had 300k+ views, and the band headlined 300-500 cap venues in support.
- Extensive headline touring planned in support of release.

TRACKLISTING

- 01 Cloudy Skies
- 02 Further
- 03 Petals
- 04 Dayglow Bimbo
- 05 Marigold & Gray
- 06 Cutlass Cruiser
- 07 Hours Between
- 08 I Just Wanna Make You Real
- 09 Seconds Erase
- 10 Topless

"Our romantic, soft-dream-pop ideal, from one of the most underrated bands around."

- **Gorilla vs. Bear**

TOPS 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**

CATALOGUE NUMBER: ABT060

ARTIST: TOPS

TITLE: *Sugar At The Gate*

GENRE: Indie, Classic, Pop, Soft Rock

RELEASE DATE: June 2nd 2017, (June 9th 2017 UK)

AVAILABLE FORMATS: CD, LP

TERRITORY: Worldwide ex. Brazil, Japan

BOX LOT: CD – 200, LP – 40

VINYL IS NOT RETURNABLE

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LP: 061297538225



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