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## HARD LOVE

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FORMAT: CD/LP/CASSETTE/DIGITAL

CD BOX LOT: 30  
LP BOX LOT: 50  
CASSETTE BOX LOT: 25

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### ABOUT THE ALBUM

Tim Showalter's latest release as Strand of Oaks, *Hard Love*, emanates an unabashed, raw, and manic energy that embodies both the songs and the songwriter behind them. "For me, there are always two forces at work: the side that's constantly on the hunt for the perfect song, and the side that's naked in the desert screaming at the moon. It's about finding a place where neither side is compromised, only elevated."

Drawing from his love of Creation Records, Trojan dub compilations, and Jane's Addiction, and informed by a particularly wild time at Australia's Boogie Festival, he sought to create a record that would merge all of these influences while evoking something new and visceral. These influences coupled with an uninhibited and collaborative studio experience moved an initial concept for a singularly feel-good record to something more complex and real. As much as Showalter wants this record to seem like a party, it's more than that. It feels like living. "You went away...you went searching...came back tired of looking" is how Showalter begins the title track, a sentiment that epitomizes Showalter's own mentality in beginning *Hard Love*. As the record progresses, so do the themes of dissatisfaction and frustration with love, family, success, and aging, both in personal experience and songwriting.

### TRACK LIST

#### SIDE A:

1. Hard Love
2. Radio Kids
3. Everything
4. Salt Brothers
5. On The Hill

#### SIDE B:

6. Cry
7. Quit It
8. Rest Of It
9. Taking Acid And Talking To My Brother

### SELLING POINTS

- Extensive US touring in 2017, including most major summer music festivals
- Previously toured with My Morning Jacket, Phosphorescent, The Tallest Man on Earth, Jason Isbell, Ryan Adams
- Massive support from AAA and non-comm radio, including The World Cafe, KEXP, WFUV, WXPB, KUTX, The Current and many more
- Limited copies of 'Stoner Swirl' green vinyl available



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