

# TOP DOWN

It was a hot summer day in June 2015 when TOP DOWN first got together in a run-down band house in North Portland, Oregon. Rooted in the Rocknroll/punk scene the trio crossed paths somewhere down the road years before.

Chuck Struggler had just moved back from Nevada City to his home town Portland, New Zealander Fiona Cambell (Chain & The Gang, Vivian Girls, Coasting etc.) happend to drop the anchor in Portland for a few years and szim stayed for an extended visit from Germany.

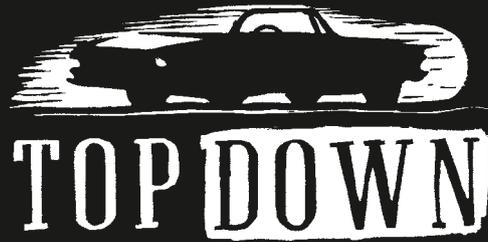
The outcome of that summer was a handful of songs and a basement show. Fred Cole from DEAD MOON generously offered to record the jams – analog reel-to-reel – just like in the old days. Then it was quiet for almost a year until szim returned in 2016.

More songs and another recording session with Fred led to an offer from Voodoo Doughnuts' owner Tres Shannon to put out TOP DOWN's first 7" Silver Ashes on his label Voodoo Doughnut Records.



TOP DOWN 2019,  
left to right:

Chuck Struggler  
(bass/voc),  
szim (git/voc)  
and Rayk (dr)

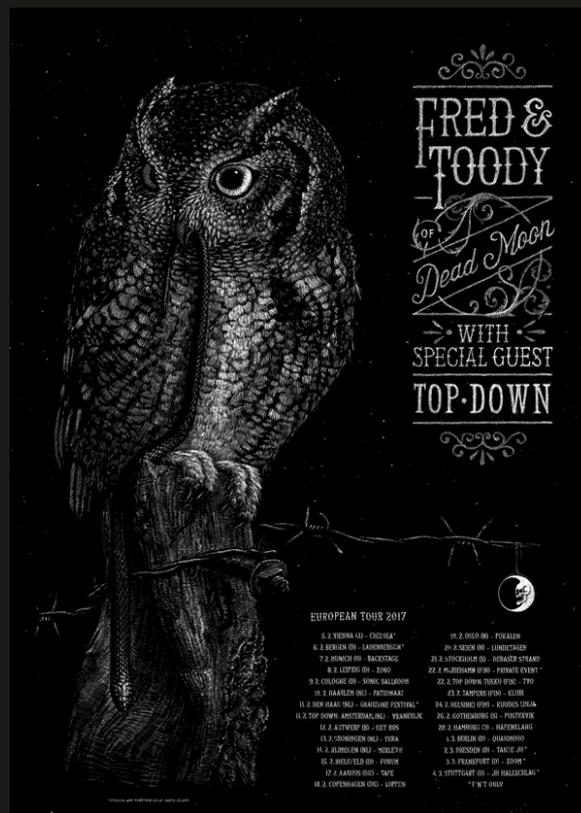


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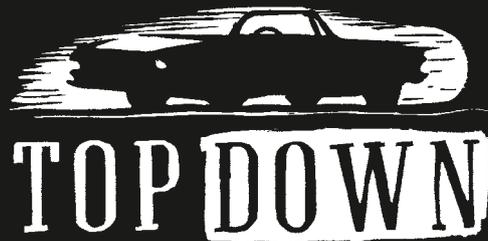
In March 2016 Berlin based artist Jay Gard joined the band for a couple of live shows in Berlin & Leipzig and the band's first US tour in the Pacific Northwest in summer 2016.

Throughout February 2017 TOP DOWN was honored to be the support act for Fred & Toody Cole on their last European Tour. In March 2017 Voodoo Doughnut Recordings released TOP DOWN's debut album ROUGH ROADS.

In summer 2019 TOP DOWN released their 2nd album HARD FEELINGS on their own label *No Chance Berlin*. It picks up where the first album ROUGH ROADS left off and explores some new styles and features with a different drummer behind the kit. The band sounds tighter, more confident and daring than on their debut, paving the way to find their very own distinctive sound. Still lo-fi and garage punk with powerful guitar riffs & catchy melodies.



Tour Poster 2017  
by artist  
Phillip Janta



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szim (git/voc)

Chuck Struggler (bass/voc)

Rayk Krügermann (drums)

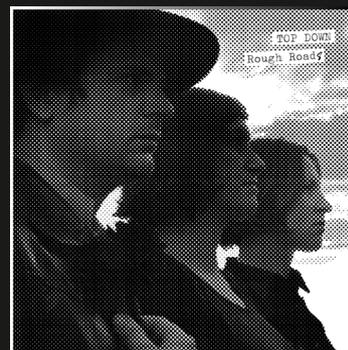
**More Infos:**[www.topdown.band](http://www.topdown.band)BC: [topdown-pdx.bandcamp.com](http://topdown-pdx.bandcamp.com)FB: [www.facebook.com/pdxtopdown](http://www.facebook.com/pdxtopdown)Videos: [vimeo.com/topdown](http://vimeo.com/topdown) and[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com)*ROUGH ROADS album description from VDR:*

*TOP DOWN's debut album, ROUGH ROADS is a journey without destination. Powerful guitar riffs, catchy lines & melodies and a tough drum beat take the passenger on a road trip to nowhere through a ragged landscape telling stories of love and failure, doubts and contradictions, endless struggles and temptation. Sometimes fast, sometimes slow, sometimes loud and sometimes quiet, steeped in a lo-fi sound. And as everything familiar melts down in the horizon you already know: the further you get away the clearer you see.*



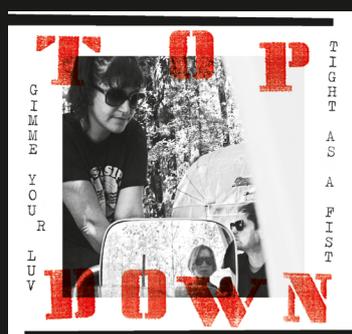
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SILVER ASHES

released in  
summer 2016



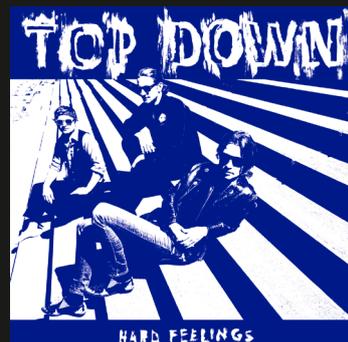
LP  
ROUGH ROADS

released in  
spring 2017



7"  
GIMME YOUR LUV

released in  
spring 2017



LP  
HARD FEELINGS

to be released in  
summer 2019