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Trapdoor, Oxford UK

Biography



Trapdoor are a hip shaking, indie rock n' roll band originating from Oxford, England. A six-piece band showcasing beautiful male and female dual vocals, dance grooves reminiscent of Foals, Tame Impala & Primal Scream, and huge riffs akin to Queens of the Stone Age; Trapdoor are a truly modern rock n' roll band.

Formed by Nick Fox and Dan Linke as a duo in 2009, Trapdoor gigged for 5 years around London, Manchester and hometown Oxford, before relocating to Berlin to explore the German indie scene with singer Hattie Blake and keyboardist JR. Drummer Joshua 'Left Hand' Bright, former member of the critically acclaimed German indie band Pickers (*Warner Music*), joined in 2015, along with experienced bassist Stefan Preoteasa; contributing years of touring experience to an already exciting and energetic live set.

The band combines passion, personality, infectious songs and genuine musical talent, and with many Berlin shows already under their belt as well as new material currently being recorded, Trapdoor are shaping up to cause a real stir in Berlin's stellar music scene in 2016.

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MEMBERS & INSTRUMENTS

Nick Fox

Vocals, Electric Guitar (Fender Baja Telecaster, Epiphone Dot; Fender Hot Rod Deville, Vox Valvetronix VT30), Acoustic Guitar (Tanglewood), Steel Drum, Pedal Board.

Dan Linke

Backing Vocals, Electric Guitar (Gretsch G6128T-1962 Duo Jet, Fender Jazzmaster; Vox AC15C1), Acoustic Guitar (Yamaha), Pedal Board.

Stefan Preoteasa

Bass (Fender Precision Bass, Hartke HA 3500 preamp, Hartke AK 115 cabinet).

JR

Backing Vocals, Synthesizer (Yamaha MX49), Saxophone, Maracas.

Joshua 'Left Hand' Bright

Backing Vocals, Drums (Full Kit w / Kick, Snare, Hi Hat, Rack Tom, Floor Tom, Cowbell, Crash and Ride Cymbals).

Harriet Blake

Vocals, Maracas, Tambourine, Cowbell.





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TRAPDOOR HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin Shows 2015

Trapdoor have played shows at the following Berlin venues:

HEADLINE - **Kaffee Burger**, 17/12/15 (support from Lapwings, BE)
HEADLINE - **HOME World Beer Bar**, 01/12/15 (support from Mike Feathertone, BE)
HEADLINE - **Culture Container**, 28/10/15
HEADLINE - **Junction Bar**, 15/10/15 (support from Red Amp, BE)
HEADLINE - **Schokoladen**, 04/07/15 (support from Bad Names, UK)
HEADLINE - **Hard Rock II**, 03/07/15 (support from Bad Names, UK)
HEADLINE - **Untertitel**, 29/04/15 (B-OnStage 1st Birthday Party)
HEADLINE - **Galerie im Turm**, 12/02/15 (Art Exhibition Opening)
SUPPORT - **Tommy Weisbecker Haus**, 12/12/14 (with The Allers, BE)

Headline Act, Greenfields Festival 2014

Trapdoor headlined local hometown festival 'Greenfields' in Swanbourne, Buckinghamshire, performing a 90 minute set.

Soundtrack used by International Committee of the Red Cross 2013

Trapdoor's track 'Colourblind' (2012) was used as the soundtrack for Afghanistan's first ever national wheelchair basketball tournament, organised by the Red Cross and filmed by Motivation Charity, with editing from Rataplan Films, Bristol. The song can be heard in the official tournament video, [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_a6FxmgsvQ):

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Headline Act, Live & Let Live, West Kensington, London Olympic Torch Ceremony 2012

Trapdoor played to hundreds in the streets, as the Olympic Torch made its way through Kensington and Chelsea ahead of the 2012 London Games.

NOTABLE SUPPORT SLOTS

Trapdoor have played with the following bands of note:

Red Amp, Bad Names, Viva Brother, The Allers, Dnae & the Indigo Sound Project, Big Casino, This is Freedom, We Sunk Atlantis, Natasha North, New York Knife Fight, As Elephants Are.

RADIO & PRESS

Radio

- Pure.FM Ollie Easthope's Indie Rock Show
- Xpress Radio: Phil & Gus' Indie Alternative & Electro Show (Award Winning Student Radio)
- BBC Radio 1: BBC Switch with Annie Mac & Nick Grimshaw
- PMG Radio: The Indie Hour: Diverse IndieMusic From Around the World with DJ Kasey Jones

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Press & Reviews

Trapdoor's track 'Cut Out' (2012) was selected by DJ and esteemed hit-writer Tom Robinson (Tom Robinson Band, Tom Robinson: Back to the Old Country, BBC 6 Music DJ) as part of his regular 'Freshnet Listening Post', a list of his Top 30 unsigned acts of the week. <http://freshonthenet.co.uk> (batch 24)

Trapdoor's debut EP 'A Guilty Conscience' (2009) received a cover feature in local music magazine, 'Nightshift', a paper-copy guide to music in the local area of Oxfordshire.

Trapdoor's second EP (2012) was reviewed by 'Mancunion' contributor and established UK blogger Rachel Heward, as part of her 'Reasons to be Cheerful' blog. <https://reasonstobecheerfulblog.wordpress.com/2012/08/22/trapdoor/>

TRAPDOOR (2012) was also reviewed by student contributor Rachel Hughes, music columnist for 'The Galleon', Portsmouth University's weekly student newspaper.

QUOTES & COMMENTS

"It is a fast-paced, ruthless opener to the EP, boasting dynamic riffs and shrewd lyrics. It is the ultimate crowd-pleaser."

Rachel Heward on 'EP2' opener 'Cut Out' (2012)

"Now here's a band I find I continue to feature on this show, probably since I always wake up with their chorus hooks permanently lodged in my brain"

Ollie Easthope, live on Pure.FM (2014)



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Discography

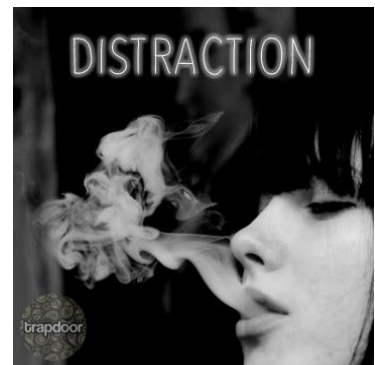
Berlin Bound EP (2014)

1. Love Bugg
2. Rat Race
3. Berlin Bound (Act I)
4. Berlin Bound (Act II)



Distraction Single (2013)

- A. Distraction
- B. Out of Control



EP2 (2012)

1. Cut Out
2. Newlyweds
3. Only For You
4. Colourblind



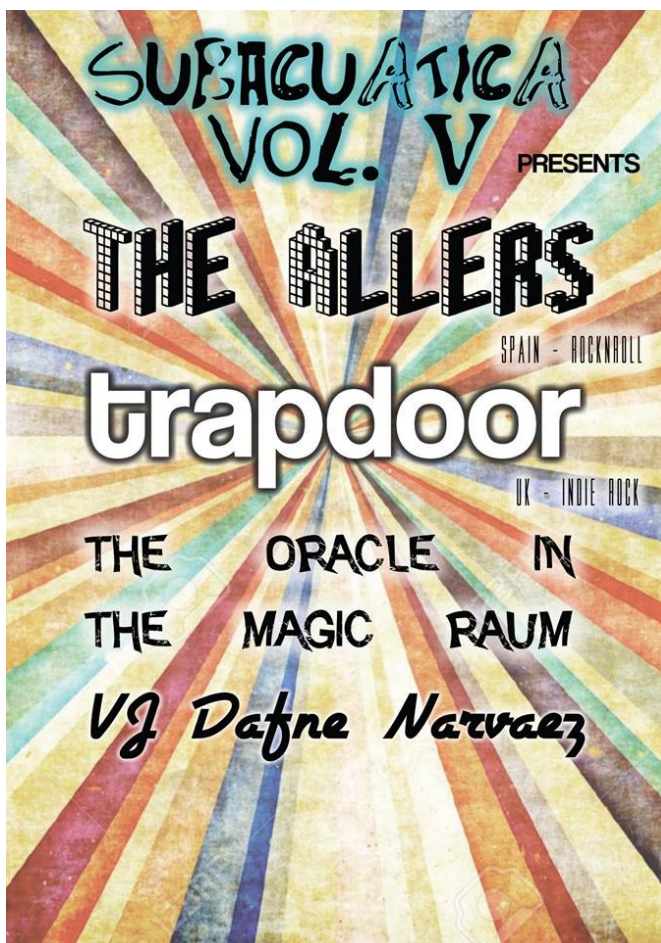
A Guilty Conscience EP (2009)

1. The Parade
2. Dirty Hands
3. Onions
4. Only For You
5. Aphrodite
6. Disappointed Again

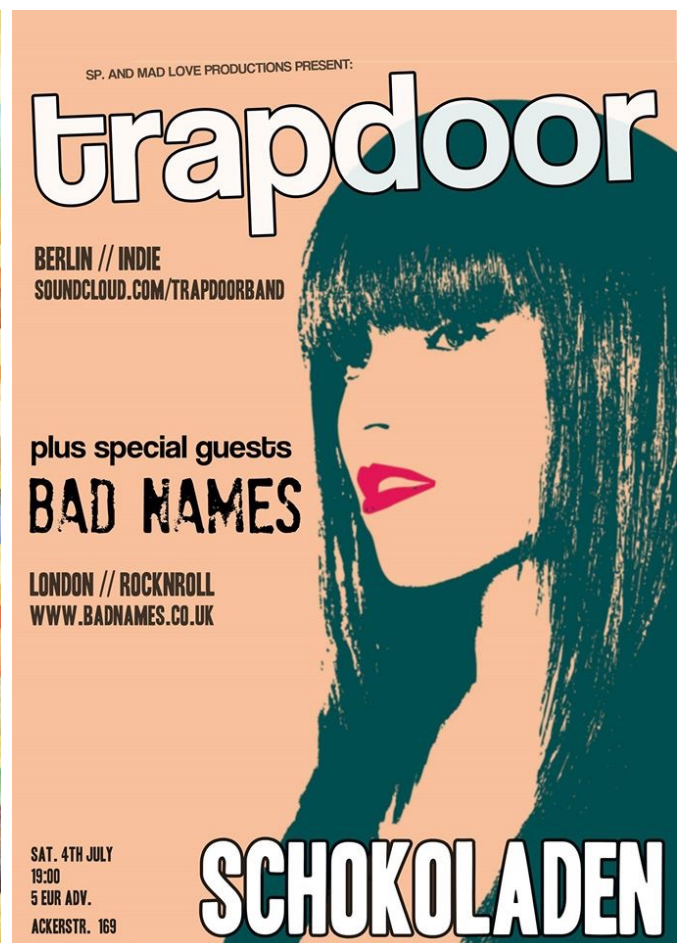




Trapdoor headline Greenfields Festival (16/06/14)



Poster from Trapdoor's first Berlin gig, at Tommy Weisbecker Haus (12/12/14)



Poster from Trapdoor's headline show at Schokoladen (04/07/15)



Trapdoor thank the audience at the end of a sweaty set, Schokoladen (04/07/15)



Poster for Trapdoor's Christmas show at Kaffee Burger, 17/12/15