



Black Top is a rocking blues guitar player, a thumping, stomping rhythm section and two great lead singers. Black Top is a three piece blues rock band with a rock & roll attitude and a sound that's large as life. Mick Hup, Martin van 'Hills' and Theo Thumper put there heads together after touring with Noel Redding, Tracy Bonham and T-Model Ford. They have a fresh view on blues rock music.

Black Top plays originals and put out their debut album 'Rough and Gritty' late 2008

Sometimes they play classic blues rock songs by ZZ Top, Joe Walsh, Willie Dixon or Rory Gallagher with respect for the tradition.

Put on your biker boots and your black leather jacket, but be sure to leave your pick-up and your Harley at home, because after a night of Black Top blues rock, you'll be crawling home...

The musicians in Black Top have all paid there dues in different bands. Mick Hup toured at the age of fifteen through Germany and played guitar at most American army bases with his big sisters soul rock band. In 2001 he recorded is debut album Soul Power and got picked up by Noel Redding (Jimi Hendrix Experience) to play in the Noel Redding band with which he played Ahoy. Mick also wrote a rock opera for Hot Sushi. Martin van 'Hills' is the singer and bass player in Black Top, but is also one of the men behind the Arabicana project NO Blues. Further more he toured the whole of Europe several times with American blues acts like the Tony Vega Band. In 2006 he recorded his debut album 'Friday the 17th'. Together with Thumper he is the rocking back bone for this trio and for fifties blues band the MarbleTones. Theo Thumper is the veteran in the band and played drums with one of the Dutch most feared punk rock bands the Speedtwins. Later on he toured Europe with the American Jenny Kerr Band and played drums for the legendary T-model Ford.

Review "Rough 'n Gritty "Bluesman": *How can we best describe the Black Top sound? Take one large inspiring stage, well lit and a fabulous sound system. Throw in a handful of Rory Gallagher, a large jigger of AC/DC, a dose of Def Leppard, a pinch each of Foghat-Savoy Brown and The Doors, followed by a few drops of Grand Funk Railroad with a Blues flavor to taste.*

Review "Rough 'n Gritty "CTRL ALT COUNRTY" (Belgium): *Plenty Rough guitars and Gritty vocals created through a live experience! For one perhaps "Hard to Handle" for the other "Hard to Resist".*

Review gig VPRO 3 voor 12: *Finally Black Top entered the stage. Theo Thumper, Hills and Mick Hup played Blues Rock with a lot of energy and not traditional, even though they've played just twelve hours before at 3FM Live.*

Review gig Brennels Buiten: *On December 14th 2008 Black Top, a Netherlands National Treasure kicked off their newest debut Album---"Rough & Gritty"! Except for seeing them at a prior performance of a benefit concert. I have never truly had the pleasure to listen to a full performance by them. December 14 in Estrado Harderwijk with over 250 visitors, was a resounding success and the first 200 CDs were sold.*

June 2008

July 2008

December 2008

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Live radio & television show

CD of the month December