

= Temple of the Dog =

Temple of the Dog is an American rock band that formed in Seattle , Washington in 1990 . It was conceived by vocalist Chris Cornell of Soundgarden as a tribute to his friend , the late Andrew Wood , lead singer of the bands Malfunkshun and Mother Love Bone . The line @-@ up included Stone Gossard on rhythm guitar , Jeff Ament on bass guitar (both ex @-@ members of Mother Love Bone) , Mike McCready on lead guitar , and Matt Cameron on drums . Eddie Vedder provided some lead and backing vocals .

The band released its only album , the self @-@ titled Temple of the Dog , in April 1991 through A & M Records . The recording sessions took place in November and December 1990 at London Bridge Studios , in Seattle , Washington with producer Rick Parashar . Although earning praise from music critics at the time of its release , the album was not widely recognized until 1992 , when Vedder , Ament , Gossard , and McCready had their breakthrough with Pearl Jam .

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= = History = =

Temple of the Dog was started by Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell , who had been a roommate of Andrew Wood , the lead singer of Malfunkshun and Mother Love Bone . Wood died on March 19 , 1990 of a heroin overdose , the day Cornell got back from a tour . As he went on to tour Europe a few days later , he started writing songs in tribute to his late friend . The result was two songs , " Reach Down " and " Say Hello 2 Heaven , " which he recorded as soon as he got back from touring .

The recorded material was slow and melodic , musically different from the aggressive rock music of Soundgarden . Cornell approached Wood 's former bandmates , Stone Gossard and Jeff Ament ? who were still figuring out how to continue without Mother Love Bone ? with the intention of releasing the songs as a single . Ament described the collaboration as " a really good thing at the time " for Gossard and him that put them into a " band situation where we could play and make music . " The band 's lineup was completed by the addition of Soundgarden (and later Pearl Jam) drummer Matt Cameron and future Pearl Jam lead guitarist Mike McCready . They named themselves Temple of the Dog , a reference to a line in the lyrics of the Mother Love Bone song " Man of Golden Words . "

The band started rehearsing " Reach Down , " " Say Hello 2 Heaven , " and other songs that Cornell had written on tour prior to Wood 's death , as well as re @-@ working some existing material from demos written by Gossard , Ament , and Cameron . One such demo became a song for two bands , recorded as " Footsteps " by Pearl Jam and " Times of Trouble " by Temple of the Dog . The idea of doing covers of Wood 's solo material also came up but was abandoned quickly , as they realized it would make people (including Wood 's close friends and relatives) think the band was " exploiting his material . "

The release of a single was soon deemed a " stupid idea " by Cornell and dropped in favor of an EP or album . The album was recorded in only 15 days , produced by the band themselves . Gossard described the recording process as a " non @-@ pressure @-@ filled " situation , as there were no expectations or pressure coming from the record company . Eddie Vedder , who had flown from San Diego , California to Seattle , Washington to audition to be the singer of Mookie Blaylock (which eventually became Pearl Jam) , ended up providing backing vocals . " Hunger Strike " (sample) became a duet between Cornell and Vedder . Cornell was having trouble with the vocals at practice , when Vedder stepped in . Cornell later said , " He sang half of that song not even knowing that I 'd wanted the part to be there and he sang it exactly the way I was thinking about doing it , just instinctively . "

Temple of the Dog was released on April 16 , 1991 , through A & M Records and initially sold 70 @, @ 000 copies in the United States . Ament recalled that they requested a Pearl Jam sticker on the cover ? as they had just picked their new name ? because " it 'll be a good thing for us , " but they were refused . The album received favorable reviews but failed to chart . Critic Steve Huey of

AllMusic later rated the album with four @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half stars out of five , stating that the " record sounds like a bridge between Mother Love Bone 's theatrical ' 70s @-@ rock updates and Pearl Jam 's hard @-@ rocking seriousness . " David Fricke of Rolling Stone also wrote in retrospect that the album " deserves immortality . " The band members were pleased with the material , as it achieved its purpose ; Cornell believed that " Andy really would have liked " the songs , and Gossard also asserted that he thought Wood would be " blown away by the whole thing . " Soon after the album 's release , Soundgarden and Pearl Jam embarked on recording their next albums , and the Temple of the Dog project was brought to a close .

In the summer of 1992 , the album received new attention . Although it had been released more than a year earlier , A & M Records realized that they had in their catalog what was essentially a collaboration between Soundgarden and Pearl Jam , who had both risen to mainstream attention in the months since the album 's release with their respective albums , Badmotorfinger and Ten . A & M decided to reissue the album and promote " Hunger Strike " as a single with an accompanying music video . The attention allowed both the album and single to chart on Billboard and resulted in a boost in album sales . The album was among the 100 top @-@ selling albums of 1992 . Temple of the Dog ended up selling more than a million copies , achieving platinum certification by the Recording Industry Association of America .

Ament , Cameron , Cornell , and McCready later reunited under the name M.A.C.C. to record a cover of Jimi Hendrix 's " Hey Baby (Land of the New Rising Sun) " for the 1993 tribute album Stone Free : A Tribute to Jimi Hendrix . In a 2007 interview with Ultimate Guitar Archive , Cornell stated he would be open for a Temple of the Dog reunion , or " some collaboration with any combination of those guys . " He also revealed that Temple of the Dog was the reason he joined Audioslave , as the experience made him " keep an open mind " about collaborations with musicians from other bands .

= = Live performances = =

The only time Temple of the Dog played a full one @-@ hour set was while rehearsing and writing the material for the album . The band (with the exception of Vedder) performed in Seattle at the Off Ramp Café on November 13 , 1990 . They also opened for Alice in Chains , following the short lived Seattle group Panic , on December 20 , 1990 at the Moore Theater in Seattle . In the time since the album 's release , the band reformed for short live performances on four occasions where both Soundgarden and Pearl Jam were performing . Temple of the Dog performed " Hunger Strike " on October 3 , 1991 at the Foundations Forum in Los Angeles , California ; a three @-@ song set on October 6 , 1991 at the Hollywood Palladium in Hollywood for the RIP Magazine 5th anniversary party (Temple of the Dog played after secret headlining act Spinal Tap) ; and " Hunger Strike " on both August 14 , 1992 at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston , Virginia and September 13 , 1992 at Irvine Meadows Amphitheater in Irvine , California (both shows were part of the Lollapalooza festival series in 1992) . The band also played " Reach Down " on the latter occasion .

At a Pearl Jam show at the Santa Barbara Bowl in Santa Barbara , California on October 28 , 2003 , Cornell joined the band on @-@ stage , effectively reuniting Temple of the Dog (Cameron had been the drummer for Pearl Jam since 1998) for renditions of " Hunger Strike " and " Reach Down " . The version of " Reach Down " recorded that night later appeared on Pearl Jam 's 2003 fan club Christmas single . Pearl Jam has also been known to perform " Hunger Strike " live without Cornell on rare occasions .

Cornell 's post @-@ Soundgarden band , Audioslave , added " All Night Thing , " " Call Me a Dog , " and " Hunger Strike " to its live set in 2005 . Additionally , Cornell has added the aforementioned songs , plus " Pushin Forward Back , " " Wooden Jesus , " " Reach Down , " and " Say Hello 2 Heaven , " to his solo live set .

On October 6 , 2009 , Cornell joined Pearl Jam onstage to perform " Hunger Strike " in Los Angeles , collectively reuniting Temple of the Dog once again . Following the brief 2009 reunion show , a fan group emerged on Facebook in April 2010 supporting a 20th anniversary benefit reunion tour to take place beginning April 16 , 2011 .

During Labor Day weekend , 2011 , Cornell joined Pearl Jam onstage at Alpine Valley in Wisconsin for PJ20 (Pearl Jam 's twentieth anniversary celebration) . On September 3 , he joined them for a four @-@ song set , which included the songs " Stardog Champion " (a Mother Love Bone cover with Cornell on vocals) , " Say Hello 2 Heaven , " " Reach Down , " and " Hunger Strike . " The September 4 appearance included a four @-@ song set with Cornell joining in on " Hunger Strike , " " Call Me a Dog , " " All Night Thing , " and " Reach Down " (which also included Glen Hansard , Dhani Harrison of The New 21st Century , David Garza , and Liam Finn) .

On both October 25 and 26 , 2014 , Cornell joined Pearl Jam onstage to perform " Hunger Strike " at Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View , California during the 28th Annual Bridge School Benefit .

On January 30 , 2015 , Pearl Jam bandmates (minus Vedder) Stone Gossard , Jeff Ament , and Matt Cameron joined Chris Cornell and Mike McCready during the Mad Season Sonic Evolution Concert at Benaroya Hall with the Seattle Symphony . The group performed 2 songs , " Reach Down " , and " Call Me A Dog " .

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= = Discography = =

= = = Studio albums = = =

= = = Singles = = =

= = = Music Videos = = =

1991 - Hunger Strike

= = Members = =

Chris Cornell ? lead vocals , banjo , guitar , harmonica

Mike McCready ? lead guitar , backing vocals

Stone Gossard ? rhythm guitar , backing vocals

Jeff Ament ? bass , backing vocals

Matt Cameron ? drums , backing vocals

Guest

Eddie Vedder ? backing vocals , co @-@ lead vocals , guitar