



**EPK – Horseman – No Surrender in Dark Days**

**Album title:** No Surrender in Dark Days

**Release:** February 20th, 2026

**Label:** RecordJet

**Format:** Digital, CD, Vinyl

**Tagline:** Groove-driven modern metal

**Artwork and Design:** Bartholomäus Rymek,  
freigeistlabor.de

**Horseman**

B A N D I N F O



## FACT SHEET

**Band:** Horseman

**Genre:** Modern Metal, Groove Metal, Thrash Metal

**Origin:** North Rhine Westphalia, Germany

**Album:** No Surrender in Dark Days

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**Production, Recording and Mix:** Michael Kolar

**Mastering:** Machine the Producer

### Singles:

Codeine Cowboy, released December 19th, 2025

Time To Defend, released January 16th, 2025

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## BAND BIO

### SHORT BIO

Horsemans deliver a powerful blend of modern groove and thrash metal with melodic elements and a tight, energetic performance. Their new album *No Surrender in Dark Days* was produced, recorded and mixed by Michael Kolar, with mastering by Machine. Known for their dynamic sound and intense stage presence, the band has shared stages with acts such as Hatesphere, Blaze Bayley and Illdisposed, and appeared at festivals including Stemweder Open Air, Black Fin Fest and Weser Metal Meeting.

### LONG BIO

Horsemans combine modern groove and thrash metal with melodic depth, technical precision and an intense emotional edge. Their new album *No Surrender in Dark Days* was created between 2020 and 2024 under the direction of Michael Kolar, who produced, recorded and mixed the entire record. The mastering was handled by Machine, known for his work with Lamb of God, Suicide Silence and Bleeding Through, giving the album a powerful and internationally competitive sound.

Lyrically, *No Surrender in Dark Days* explores themes of personal darkness, resilience, internal struggle and the pressure of modern society.

***The songs move between aggressive modern metal attacks, dynamic shifts and atmospheric, melodic passages, resulting in a sound that is both heavy and emotionally charged.***

On stage, Horsemans have established themselves as a highly energetic and professional live act. They have performed alongside Hatesphere, Blaze Bayley, Illdisposed, Lay Down Rotten, Fool The Masses, Words of Farewell, ORCA and Mata Leão, among many others. Their festival history includes appearances at Stemweder Open Air, Black Fin Fest, Weser Metal Meeting, FLA FLA Hardcore Festival and the Leineweber Festival, highlighting their strong presence within the scene.



## ALBUM DESCRIPTION, SOUND AND LYRICAL THEMES

### Sound profile:

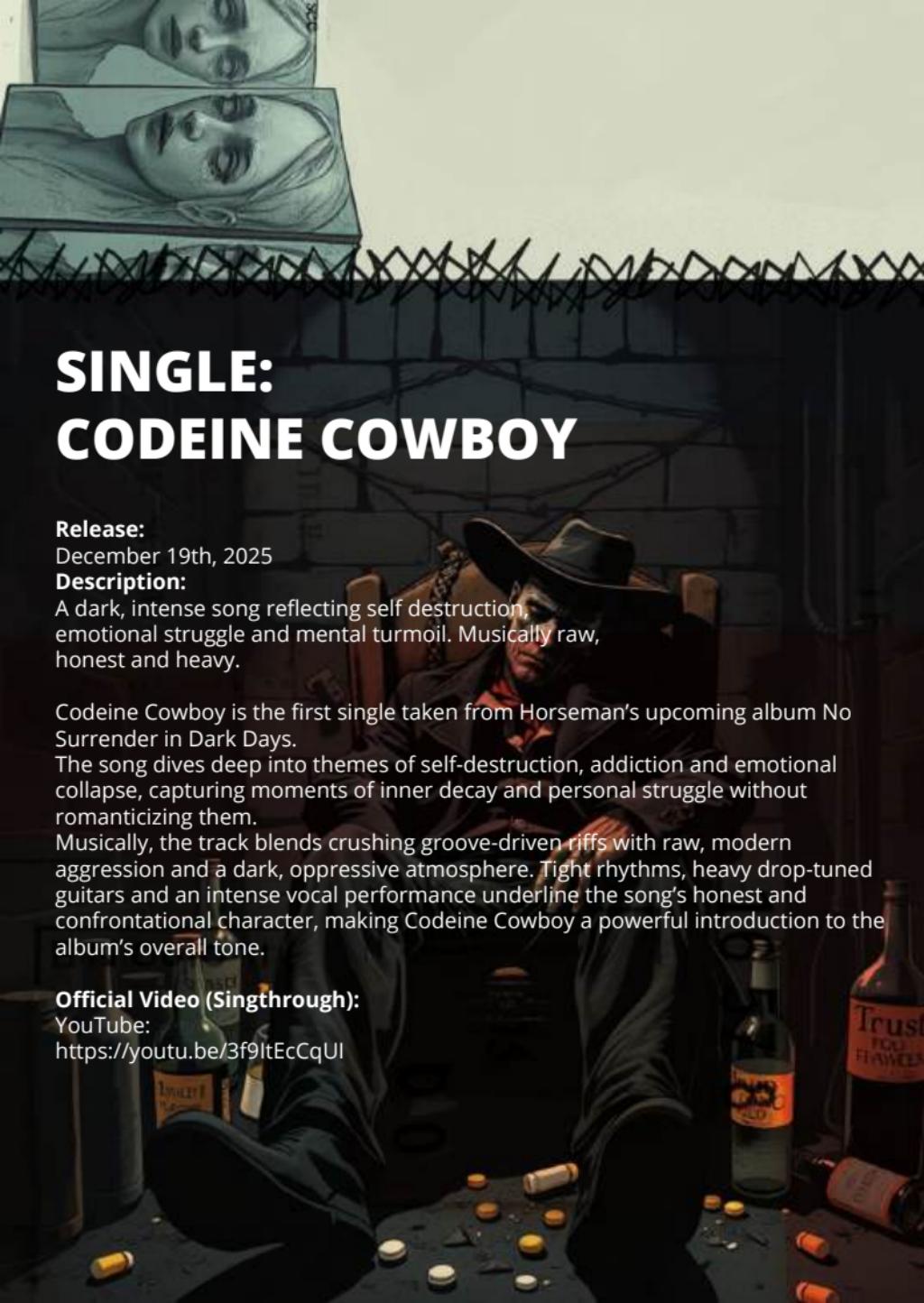
Tight, aggressive, modern, epic, melodic  
Drop C guitars, precise drumming, dynamic vocal approach  
Modern production with raw yet wide and powerful sound characteristics

### Production:

Produced, recorded and mixed by Michael Kolar  
Mastering by Machine the Producer  
Production period: 2020 to 2024

### Lyrical Themes:

Themes of identity, resilience, internal struggle and the decision not to surrender in dark times



# SINGLE: CODEINE COWBOY

**Release:**

December 19th, 2025

**Description:**

A dark, intense song reflecting self destruction, emotional struggle and mental turmoil. Musically raw, honest and heavy.

Codeine Cowboy is the first single taken from Horseman's upcoming album No Surrender in Dark Days.

The song dives deep into themes of self-destruction, addiction and emotional collapse, capturing moments of inner decay and personal struggle without romanticizing them.

Musically, the track blends crushing groove-driven riffs with raw, modern aggression and a dark, oppressive atmosphere. Tight rhythms, heavy drop-tuned guitars and an intense vocal performance underline the song's honest and confrontational character, making Codeine Cowboy a powerful introduction to the album's overall tone.

**Official Video (Singthrough):**

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/3f9ltEcCqUI>



# SINGLE: TIME TO DEFEND

**Release:**

January 16th, 2025

**Description:**

A politically charged and socially critical modern metal track. Musically aggressive, direct and energetic.

"Time to Defend" is told from the perspective of an exploited planet. Earth has been warning humanity for a long time — through burning forests, dying oceans, and collapsing landscapes. These signs were ignored. Patience turned into pain, and pain into determination.

The song marks the moment when the planet has no other choice but to defend itself. Not out of hatred, but out of the will to survive. Natural forces become the last language of a world that has endured in silence for too long.

Yet even in destruction, a sense of hope remains.

Earth consciously chooses not to wipe out humanity entirely. Survivors are left behind — as a final chance. "Time to Defend" is not only an accusation, but a call to learn, to take responsibility, and to rebuild a respectful coexistence in harmony with the planet before it is too late.

This text is intended purely as a metaphorical and socio-critical narrative and does not, in any way, promote or call for violence, destruction, or real-world actions against people or groups.

**Official Music Video:**

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/EDSfXlivb8w>

## TRACKLIST AND CREDITS

### Tracklist:

Dark Days  
No Surrender  
Time to Defend  
Shards and Lies  
Codeine Cowboy  
View  
Banish the Fake  
Trouble will find me  
Sending Fire  
The Core  
**Bonus:** Kissing Dirt

### Credits:

**Production, Recording and Mix:** Michael Kolar

**Mastering:** Machine the Producer,  
<http://www.machineshopprod.com>

**Studio:** Rockstudios

**Artwork:** Bartholomäus Rymek,  
<https://einfregeistlabor.de>

### Lineup:

Stefan Böhm, Vocals  
Oggy Garmenov, Guitar  
Kristian Siegemund, Guitar  
Julian Klassen, Bass  
Michael Kolar, Drums



## LIVE EXPERIENCE

Horseman are known for their high energy live shows, combining precision, powerful performance and strong audience interaction.

### Key Festivals:

Stemweder Open Air 2025  
Weser Metal Meeting  
Black Fin Fest 2024  
FLA FLA Hardcore Festival 2025  
Leineweber Festival  
Rock das Sofa Open Air  
Metal Inferno  
Phoenix Open Air Core

### Key Support Acts:

Hatesphere  
Blaze Bayley  
IIIdisposed  
Lay Down Rotten  
Fool The Masses  
Words of Farewell  
ORCA  
Mata Leão  
Fdead  
Reinforcer



## INTERNATIONAL PRESS BIOS

### US PRESS BIO

Horseman hit with a modern metal sound that is as aggressive as it is emotionally resonant. Built on crushing groove riffs, precision drumming and a dynamic vocal range, their new album *No Surrender in Dark Days* marks the band's most ambitious work. Produced, recorded and mixed by Michael Kolar and mastered by Machine, the record delivers a powerful blend of clarity, weight and intensity. Having performed alongside Hatesphere, Blaze Bayley and Illdisposed, Horseman are positioning themselves as a rising force in today's modern metal landscape.

### UK PRESS BIO

Horseman craft a compelling fusion of modern groove metal, thrash-inspired force and melodic tension. Their new record *No Surrender in Dark Days*, shaped and produced by Michael Kolar with mastering by Machine, carries a refined sense of aggression and emotional weight. Exploring themes of resilience and internal conflict, the album balances atmosphere with tightly executed heaviness. On stage, Horseman have proven their presence alongside acts such as Hatesphere and Blaze Bayley, establishing themselves as a noteworthy name within the European metal scene.





## CONTACT AND DOWNLOAD AREA

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### **Downloads:**

Album MP3: [https://horseman.de/presskit/mp3\\_tagged\\_320kbps.zip](https://horseman.de/presskit/mp3_tagged_320kbps.zip)

Promo, Bandlogo, Artwork: <https://horseman.de/presskit/pressefotos.zip>

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