Charon's Decay

MELODIC DEATH METAL · EMDEN, EAST FRISIA

Press Kit



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At a Glance

GENRE	Melodic death metal, old school meets modern
FROM	Emden, East Frisia, Germany
FOUNDED	2023
LINE-UP	Christian Ihnken (vocals), Helmo Schröder and Sandro Niestroj (guitar), Malte Schepker (bass), Reke Buchenau (drums)
RELEASES	Dystopia (EP, 2025) · Charon's Decay (single, 2023)
SOUND	In the spirit of the Gothenburg and Stockholm scenes
AVAILABLE FOR	Festivals, club shows, support tours
CONTACT	info@charonsdecay.com

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Who We Are

Charon’s Decay is a melodic death metal band from Eastfrisia, Northern Germany.

They set themselves to build a bridge between the generations of the world of metal. To reach this goal, they create a unique sound by mixing oldschool and modern melodic death metal, which is inspired by modern hardcore and death metal from Gothenburg and Stockholm.

Prepare yourselves for a special ferry ride,
Prepare yourselves for: Charon's Decay.

SHORT TEXT FOR PROGRAMMES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charon's Decay is a melodic death metal band from Emden in East Frisia, Germany. Founded in 2023 in honor of the late drummer Markus “Farmi” Fährmann, the band fuses old-school and modern melodic death metal in the spirit of the Gothenburg and Stockholm scenes. Their self-produced EP “Dystopia” came out in 2025.

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The Ferryman's Tale

After the death of their longtime friend and drummer Markus “Farmi“ Fährmann (ferryman) in march 2023, Malte Schepker (Bass), Christian Ihnken (Vocals) and Stefan Koenen (Guitar) buried the band Blixxem and formed Charon’s Decay to honour the legacy of the ferryman.

Soon they found new companions in Helmo Schröder (Guitar) and Reke Buchenau (Drums).

In August 2023 Charon’s Decay entered the Soundlodge Studio to record their first single “Charon’s Decay“, which was released on 09/28/2023 on YouTube.

Charon’s Decay gave their live debut at the benefit festival „Farewell Of The Ferryman“ on 16th of March 2024, which was organized in memory of Markus „Farmi“ Fährmann.

Their first EP „Dystopia“, which was self-produced, mixed and mastered by Stefan, was released on 11/14/2025.

In 2026 Stefan Koenen left the band and Sandro Niestroj took his position.



2023 Helmo Schröder and Reke Buchenau join. First single out September 28.

2025 Self-produced EP Dystopia out November 14.

2026 Sandro Niestroj takes over guitar from Stefan Koenen.

IV MUSIC

Listen & Watch



Dystopia

EP · 14 November 2025
Single “Charon’s Decay” · 28 September 2023

Dystopia on Spotify · EP, 2025 · five songs

Dystopia on Bandcamp · Download, CD and merch

Be the Legion, live · Spring Tide Festival · how the band sounds on stage

All videos · The full channel on YouTube

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The Crew



Christian Ihnken
VOCALS



Helmo Schröder
GUITAR



Sandro Niestroj
GUITAR



Malte Schepker
BASS



Reke Buchenau
DRUMS

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