



"The year is 2153 and the world is in ruins. The apocalypse has come over humanity and there are only a few survivors left."

This is the scenery that Martyrion from Cologne take on. The band exists since 2006; to find their current identity, they went through multiple line-up iterations and style transformations.

Musically, the band has its roots in Melodic Death Metal, but serves various other Metal subgenres in their songs. Besides catchy melodies and powerful solos, the atmosphere of the songs is in the spotlight, which is rounded off by a multifaceted play between fast and slow parts as well as connecting interludes.

The scenario of a post-apocalyptic world is reflected on the one hand in the lyrics: These thematize and criticize the vicious cycle of human misbehavior such as greed and vengefulness, which inevitably result in human extinction. On the other hand, the band also visually brings this scenario to the stage: Thus, the four musicians perform in martial outfits, which give the audience the overall picture and feeling of a post-apocalypse world.

The self-produced first full-length album "Refugium: Exile" was released at the end of 2011. Early 2013 an EP titled "A New Beginning" is released, containing both old and new songs. The second full length album "Our Dystopia" was released in 2016, through Essen-based label "Boersma Records". In addition, the debut album "Refugium: Exile" was re-recorded and released in 2016.

Until 2018 Martyrion toured the stages throughout many parts of Germany before private reasons and the Covid-19 pandemic caused a hiatus for the band's live performances. New songs were written and in late 2021 the band returned with the well-received new single "Reminiscence" in a reordered line-up, where Marian took over the lead vocals.

With Gaia Uprising, the band presents their new album on January 25th 2025, which thematically deals with the healing of our planet after the devastation caused by mankind - the fate of the survivors is now in the hands of Gaia, the divine creator of Earth. The Album was created in close collaboration with Milan Steinbach at Pointbreak Recording where it also has been mixed and mastered. The first singles are already available on YouTube and all major streaming platforms.

Martyrion is Felix Lüpke on lead guitar and backing vocals, Hendrik Franke on bass guitar, Tobias Parke on drums and Marian Freye on lead vocals and rhythm guitar.