



**Demondawn – vocals • Mayhem – guitars • Nick Grave – bass • Messiah Of Evil – drums**

SKYCONQUEROR is a traditional heavy metal band from Münsterland - founded in spring 1997 by Hellduke (guitar) and Messiah of Evil (drums), and completed a little later by Mayhem as bassist and Nick Grave as singer.

In January 1998 the debut, the demo CD STREAK OF LIGHTNING with five songs, was recorded at Subsonic Studio in Rheine. This was presented live at the band's first concert one month later at Silmarillion in Werne. More concerts followed, until a show was performed at a private festival in Münsterland in July 2000 - now with the line-up: Demondawn (vocals), Chris Carnage (guitar), Hellduke (guitar), Mayhem (bass) and Messiah of Evil (drums). In September 2000 the demo CD SILVER HAZE RISING was recorded.

In 2002 recording of the third demo CD FORGED IN HELL followed, which contained six songs in the spirit of the NWOBHM.

After Chris' departure at the end of 2004 the band - from now on as a quartet - recorded two new songs at the Luna Studio in Lüdinghausen at the end of 2006, which were released on a regional sampler. In March 2008, also at Luna Studio, the CD HELLSTORY was produced with twelve songs from the first 10 years of the band and released in June 2008.

In the following years the band gave more concerts and collected extensive new material. The eleven songs on the CD UNDER THE PENTAGRAM were written between December 2012 and March 2014. In August 2014 Hellduke left the band. Mayhem, who had already recorded some guitar tracks on UNDER THE PENTAGRAM, switched to guitar. In September, Nick Grave - the singer from the early days and then bassist with Absence - rejoined SKYCONQUEROR to take over the bass.

After further concerts at Sputnikhalle Münster and Bastard Club Osnabrück, the band moved to a rehearsal room in Dortmund's Nordstadt in autumn 2017, followed by a gig at Nightfyre's release party in 2019 with Metal Inquisitor as headliner. In 2020, due to the pandemic, some planned gigs had to be canceled, after which the band prepared the next release during the forced break.

In Dortmund the band recorded the EP THE BLACK RAVEN with five songs and - after two single releases - presented it in February 2023 at a release party with Nightfyre and Sewer Lads in Münster, where they presented the new material live for the first time at Sputnikcafé.

In March 2023 SKYCONQUEROR opened the Swordbrothers festival in Lünen, where Atlantean Kodex provided the headliner. In May they opened an anniversary show at the Backstage in Munich, which was completed by Disbelief as headliner.

The EP THE BLACK RAVEN received mostly positive reviews both live and in the press, including in Rock Hard and Deaf Forever.

At the moment the band is collecting new material for the next release, which is expected to occur in spring 2024.

SKYCONQUEROR is active as a quartet to this day, playing traditional heavy metal inspired by the occult both lyrically and musically.