

MANNTRA

Wild Hunt

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MANNTRA unleash their most powerful folk metal storm yet with *Wild Hunt*

Croatian metal visionaries **MANNTRA** will release their new studio album *Wild Hunt* via Napalm Records on December 25, 2026. Following their acclaimed previous album *Titans*, the band around mastermind Marko Matijević Sekul takes their distinctive sound one step further, presenting their most atmospheric and focused work to date. *Wild Hunt* explores the untamed, instinctive side of humanity – the part of us that exists beyond rules, expectations, and the structures of modern life. “The Wild Hunt” serves both as a mythological image and a metaphor for an inner journey in search of freedom, identity, power, belonging, and the courage to break away from the boundaries imposed by society.

Musically, **MANNTRA** continue to evolve their unmistakable sound: crushing metal riffs and modern industrial elements collide with traditional Balkan and Slavic melodies, folk instrumentation, and ritualistic vocal elements. *Wild Hunt* places an even stronger emphasis on atmosphere and contrast than its predecessor, balancing heavy, driving passages with organic, melodic, and almost mystical moments. The title track “*Wild Hunt*”, featuring Fabienne Erni of Eluveitie, leads straight into the heart of the album, combining monumental metal power with captivating melodies. On “*Watcher Watcher*”, **MANNTRA** conjure a dark world of collapsing kingdoms and a humanity standing on the brink, while “*Iron Storm*” delivers driving rhythms and battle-ready force, painting an epic picture of fallen empires and the birth of new nations. “*Name The Liar*”, featuring In Extremo, combines folk metal passages with a dark atmosphere and German lyrics, adding another striking dimension to the album.

Wild Hunt also features several other high-profile guests: Ambre Vourvahis of Xandria lends her distinctive voice and additional emotional depth to “*Zara*”, while MetaKlapa enhance the Croatian-language “*Valovi*” with traditional vocals. Tracks such as “*Banshee*”, “*Danse Macabre*”, and “*Blade In Darkness*” take the journey into darker territories, while “*Never Bow, Never Surrender*” serves as the perfect album opener. The result is a versatile record that feels both ancient and modern. With *Wild Hunt*, **MANNTRA** once again prove that they cannot be confined to genre boundaries, continuing to expand and refine their unmistakable musical world.