

VILLAGERS OF IOANNINA CITY return with "Venceremos"
A heavy rock rebellion forged in fire, myth and resistance!

On September 18, 2026, **VILLAGERS OF IOANNINA CITY** return via Napalm Records with **Venceremos**, a bold and immersive studio album that expands the band's sonic universe beyond its roots. Blending heavy rock, progressive heavy metal and distinct folk elements, the Greek collective deliver their most ambitious and conceptually driven work to date.

Set in a dystopian future shaped by illusion, control and fear, **Venceremos** unfolds as a journey through exile, resistance and awakening. It follows those who rise against a broken world, rejecting gods and modern kings in order to reclaim freedom and meaning. Through struggles, hopes, fears and deep reflections on existence, one truth remains constant: the quest is one, and its name is freedom.

Rather than bending to trends, **VILLAGERS OF IOANNINA CITY** sharpen their identity. The album presents itself as heavy, direct and intense, driven by a raw and immediate energy. It leans decisively into heavy rock and metal, pushing into more aggressive territory while unfolding with a genuinely progressive spirit, where each composition evolves with purpose and depth.

Ritualistic rhythms, expansive arrangements and traditional instrumentation such as bagpipes and zourna are not mere embellishments, but essential elements of the band's sonic language. Folk and Hellenic elements meet powerful riffs and dynamic structures in a sound that feels direct, distinctive and entirely their own.

Songs such as the first single, "**Ghosts in the Sky**", introduce this world with energizing intensity, combining heavy driving grooves, layered textures and a cinematic sense of movement. The epic title track "**Venceremos**" stands at the album's core, unfolding through dynamic shifts, crystal-clear vocal delivery and a powerful build that captures both tension and release. With "**Requiem**", the band present the album's final chapter: an over seven-minute journey where progressive structures and traditional elements fully unfold, culminating in a liberating, heavy rock anthem of epic scale.

Across the record, the band move seamlessly between meditative passages and eruptive climaxes, balancing restraint and impact. Folk layers are not ornamental, but central to the band's sonic identity, shaping the emotional weight of each composition.

Produced and recorded by Alex Karametis at Magnanimous X Studio in Greece, and mixed and mastered by Jacob Hansen at Hansen Studios, **Venceremos** captures clarity and depth in equal measure. With this release, **VILLAGERS OF IOANNINA CITY** deliver a powerful statement and a journey through darkness, defiance and the unbreakable force of rebellion. As one of the key names in post-stoner and heavy prog rock, the band once again reinforces their place within the scene, with **Venceremos** standing as a defining step in their ongoing evolution.

Venceremos Tracklist:

1. Alienation
2. Home
3. Ghosts in the sky
4. Venceremos
5. The Ruiner
6. No fear
7. Here and now
8. Epitaph
9. Requiem

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