

ILLUMINA A.D. — Band Bio

Forged in the shadowlands of Albuquerque, Illumina A.D. is not just a metal band — they are a storm, a reckoning, a cinematic force of rebellion and transformation.

Led by the mesmerizing and otherworldly vocals of **Nepthisis**, Illumina A.D. fuses groove metal, progressive metal, gothic atmosphere, and alternative intensity to create an immersive sound that is as brutal as it is beautiful. With a lineup of powerhouse musicians — **Alexander Bane** (founding guitarist), **Justin Ennis** (lead guitarist), **Justin Cavis** (drummer), and **Austin Von Hentschel** (bassist) — the band channels influences ranging from Metallica, Megadeth, and Iron Maiden to Soilwork, Dream Theater, and Dio. While Nepthisis echoes the vocal strength of Lzzy Hale, and haunting beauty of Amy Lee, Simone Simmons, and Cristina Scabbia—blending ethereal melodies with a powerful and emotional delivery over dark, metal backdrops. Together, they craft music that is both technically fierce and emotionally raw.

Over the years, Illumina A.D. has shared the stage with heavyweights like **All That Remains**, **Butcher Babies**, **Upon A Burning Body**, **Battlecross**, **Stitched Up Heart**, **Otep**, **Mushroomhead**, and **Gemini Syndrome**, earning a reputation for delivering high-energy performances that transcend genres.

Their album, **Days of Blood & Fire** marks a bold evolution in their sound — blending thunderous riffs, evocative vocals, atmospheric textures, and emotional depth into a concept-driven metal experience. Singles like “**Aperio**,” “**The Black Guardian**,” and “**Crystal Grave**” showcase their ability to channel grief, vengeance, addiction, and transcendence into visceral musical statements. The “**Crystal Grave**” music video, shot during a literal lightning storm at Eaves Movie Ranch, located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, pairs cinematic visuals with personal tragedy, as the band explores themes of loss, betrayal, and the siren call of self-destruction.

Illumina A.D. isn't just rewriting the metal rulebook — they're **forging their own mythos**. Gothic. Ethereal. Epic. Unapologetically visionary.

For fans of **Epica**, **Ghost**, **Spiritbox**, **Nightwish**, **Lacuna Coil**, **Jinjer**, **Evanescence**, **Halestorm** and **Ne Obliviscaris**, Illumina A.D. offers an unforgettable journey through shadows and flames — a soundtrack for the battles we fight within.

ILLUMINA A.D. — Short Version Bio

Ethereal. Brutal. Cinematic.

Illumina A.D. is a female-fronted metal force from Albuquerque, fusing groove metal, gothic atmosphere, and progressive intensity into a sound both haunting and crushing. With soaring vocals, relentless riffs, and thunderous rhythms, they deliver emotional, concept-driven metal for fans of Epica, Ghost, Spiritbox, Lacuna Coil and Nightwish. Their new album **Days of Blood & Fire** drops June 20, 2025.

ILLUMINA A.D. — Press Kit Blurb

Illumina A.D. is a cinematic, female-fronted metal powerhouse from Albuquerque, New Mexico, delivering an electrifying fusion of gothic atmosphere, groove-driven riffs, and progressive metal intensity. Led by the haunting and evocative vocals of Nepthisis, the band crafts emotionally charged, concept-driven music that explores themes of loss, rebellion, transformation, and vengeance. With standout singles like *"Aperio," "The Black Guardian,"* and *"Crystal Grave,"* Illumina A.D. has earned a reputation for their cinematic music videos, high-energy live shows, and bold artistic vision. For fans of Epica, Ghost, Spiritbox, Lacuna Coil and Nightwish. Illumina A.D.'s upcoming album, *Days of Blood & Fire* (dropping June 20, 2025), promises a sonic journey through shadow, fire, and catharsis.

Some Tag Lines -

🔥 "Illumina A.D.: Ethereal, brutal, cinematic metal from the shadowlands of Albuquerque."

🔥 "Female-fronted metal blending gothic atmosphere, crushing riffs, and soaring emotion."

🔥 "Groove, goth, prog, and pure metal fire — Illumina A.D."

🕯️ "Illumina A.D. — haunting metal anthems from the edge of the abyss."

🕯️ "Where gothic shadows meet crushing sound: Illumina A.D."

🕯️ "A descent into darkness, beauty, and brutal truth — Illumina A.D."

🕯️ "Siren songs, spectral riffs, and the sound of transformation — Illumina A.D."

🕯️ "From sorrow to shadow, Illumina A.D. weaves metal's darkest stories."

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