

VAMPIRE VALENTINE

Biography

Vampire Valentine is a UK-based darkwave/post-punk band from Newcastle upon Tyne formed in October 2025 by producer Michael Longstaff and bassist/guitarist Kieron Wright, with production assistance from US-based cyberpunk producer Ricky Conover (aka Forerunnerx). The band emerged from Michael and Kieron's shared passion for classic goth and post-punk sounds, meeting through Michael's fiancée who previously attended school with Kieron.

Drawing influence from The Sisters of Mercy, Twin Tribes, She Past Away, and Lebanon Hanover, Vampire Valentine crafts atmospheric darkwave that honors the genre's roots while embracing modern production techniques. Their sound combines classic Sisters of Mercy-style atmospheres with Twin Tribes' contemporary darkness, creating a sonic landscape that feels both timeless and urgently current.

The band made their debut on November 14, 2025 with the single *"Porcelain"* (featuring B-side *"Olivia"*), earning immediate praise from legendary goth journalist Mick Mercer who declared it an *"Excellent Debut."* Following quickly with their second single *"Thorns"* on December 1, 2025, Vampire Valentine demonstrated their prolific creative output and commitment to establishing themselves in the modern goth scene.

On January 14, 2026, Vampire Valentine released their debut full-length album *"Dry Remains,"* showcasing standout tracks including *"Stitching Undone," "Decay," "Poison,"* and *"Fresh."* The album received acclaim for its authentic darkwave sound and polished production, establishing the band as a compelling new voice in the UK goth scene. The release caught the attention of Morella Records, a Georgia-based independent label specializing in goth rock, deathrock, darkwave, and post-punk.

In January 2026, Vampire Valentine signed with Morella Records, becoming the label's inaugural artist signing. *"We couldn't be more thrilled,"* the band stated. *"Blake understands what we're doing and shares our vision for keeping darkwave vital. This partnership lets us focus on the music while reaching the audience that needs to hear it."*

Vampire Valentine will release their 6-track EP *"Pale Dawn"* on April 17, 2026 via Morella Records, followed by their second full-length album in summer 2026. The band is currently working behind the scenes to assemble a full live lineup and prepare for their eventual stage debut, determined to deliver performances that match the intensity and atmosphere of their recorded work.

With their combination of authentic goth sensibility, modern production values, and prolific output, Vampire Valentine represents a new generation of artists keeping darkwave and post-punk alive and vital. The band continues to write and record, building a catalog that honors the genre's past while pushing its boundaries forward.

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