

EL DOLOR



El Dolor take their name from the Spanish word for "pain" - a fitting moniker for a band that transforms heartbreak into art. Led by the masterful songwriting of Derek Miller, this Colorado quintet crafts stories of broken hearts and shattered dreams, wrapping them in arrangements that will lure you into toe-tapping before the lyrics punch you in the gut. Their sound defies simple categorization, drawing from a deep well of influences that spans Americana, country, folk, rock, and rockabilly while incorporating atmospheric delay and tasteful distortion.

The current lineup, featuring Derek Miller, Julie Kinsey, Toby Sheets, Josh Bearor, and Chris Anderson, represents the culmination of over a decade of musical collaboration, with some members playing together for 15 years. This deep musical connection shines through in their live performances, where the band has earned their stripes sharing bills with renowned artists, including Clem Snide, Chris Knight, Jason Boland & The Stragglers, and the Vandoliers. Since October 2024, El Dolor has been methodically releasing new material, with their third release slated for February 7, 2025. Each release showcases their ability to blur genre lines while maintaining a consistent emotional core, creating a sound that's both familiar and entirely their own - proof that sometimes the most beautiful things can come from a place of pain.

"Grudge-Holding Hardass" pulls no punches in its take on toxic love. This blues-country fusion pairs sharp wit with brutal honesty, telling the tale of a relationship where control and manipulation meet unwavering devotion. The verses build through a battlefield of twisted words and emotional warfare, landing on a chorus that cuts straight to the bone: *"You're a grudge holding hardass - I'm in love with you."* It's a song that'll make listeners laugh, wince, and relate all at once.

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