

# Hardline

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**Hardline** is an American rock band that was formed in 1992. Known for their blend of hard rock and melodic metal, they initially gained attention with their debut album *Double Eclipse* in 1992. The band's original lineup featured powerhouse vocalist Johnny Gioeli, guitarist Neal Schon (from Journey), and drummer Deen Castronovo (also from Journey). This star-studded formation contributed to the band's early success and gave their music a polished, commercial sound.

*Double Eclipse* featured several hits, including the popular songs "Hot Cherie" and "Takin' Me Down," which helped to establish Hardline's reputation as a band capable of delivering catchy, yet hard-hitting rock anthems. The album's mix of melodic hooks and powerful vocals created a distinctive sound that resonated with fans of both arena rock and melodic metal.

However, after the initial success of *Double Eclipse*, the band faced lineup changes and periods of inactivity. Despite this, Johnny Gioeli remained at the forefront of Hardline, and the band continued to release albums, including *II* (2002), *Leaving the End Open* (2009), *Danger Zone* (2012), *Life* (2016) and *Heart Mind and Soul* (2021). These albums showed the band's evolution while retaining their signature style of melodic, hard-hitting rock, and Gioeli's unmistakable voice.

Hardline's sound is often characterized by its energetic blend of melodic rock, powerful vocals, and classic rock influences. Over the years, they've maintained a loyal fan base despite lineup changes, and their music continues to reflect their roots in the 1980s and 1990s hard rock and melodic metal scenes.

The band remains active today, known for their passionate live performances and their ability to create music that resonates with fans of classic hard rock and modern melodic metal alike.