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A DREAMSCAPE OF MIDLIFE, MEMORY, & MEANING

POETRY, SOUND, VISION COLLIDE IN NEW WORK BY LUKE KURTIS

bd-studios.com is excited to announce *a harras*, a short film, experimental album, and chapbook collection of nine surreal and absurd poems where equine-themed imagery transports readers into a bizarre realm of angels and assassins. The resolute horses of this dream-like world carry readers through themes of loss and grief, loneliness and solitude, resilience and strength, love and longing, and freedom and transcendence. These left-field works find meaning in the poet's multidimensional and existential crises and illuminate a poetic path toward transformation, purpose, and belonging.



The short film, album, and book will be released 13 June 2025.

The long-gestating project takes its title from the term for a group of young male horses kept together in an enclosure. It began during the pandemic. "I spent much of my time during lockdown digging into my archives, reflecting on work from years earlier, while also quietly confronting middle age," kurtis recalls.

While the poems are at least twenty years old, with one dating back as far as 1998, the project itself came together over several years beginning with the 2021 manuscript. The music was composed from 2021-23. The video footage was shot in 2021 and edited in 2023. In 2023, the artist used a series of AI tools to generate the book's imagery, using one of the artist's original drawings as a starting point. In 2024, he made the surround sound mix to complete the film.

"It's one of those things that evolved slowly over time, but the vision was there from the beginning," says the artist. "I knew from the moment I put together the manuscript that it was in service of something greater than nine quirky poems. It's a good feeling when something like that happens, like you're just a vessel, channeling an energy from somewhere else."