

## **Tory – A Music Security Guard for the Bands ....**

I love music and when I was studying music, I worked as a security guard for bands and celebrities. Here are some of the bands I 'protected' and some stories in between of what happened .... and there is heaps more but I'm not telling those stories .....

### My Jobs:- Australian Bands:

- Jet

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General security guard

Who are they: Four piece rock band who originated in Melbourne, and made it big after the release of their song "Are you gonna be my girl", and helped them gain international recognition through their song being played on the iPod ad worldwide



- Wolfmother

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: Side Stage general security guard

Who are they: 3 piece rock band who originated in Melbourne. They have made it big worldwide with their music style which has a 70s style

- Christmas carols at the Domain

Where: The Domain

Job: VIP seating

Who was there: Koshie, Home and Away stars, Deni Hines, The Young Divas (i.e. 4 piece girl band made up of Ricki Lee, Paulini, Kate Deraugo, and Emily from Australian Idol), Shane Emmett, Human Nature, The Wiggles, Guy Sebastian, Jade MacRae, Melinda Schneider, etc...

- Bernard Fanning

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security guard

Who is he: The lead singer of the Australian band Powderfinger, who has gone solo. He won Best Australia Male performer at the Aria's and has been



very successful not only with Powderfinger, but as a solo artist

Grinspoon:

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: Four piece Australian rock band who

have been around since the 90s and are one of Australia's well known rock-bands

- Kisschasy

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: Four piece Australia Pop-Rock band who only released their first album in 2005. They have toured in Australia with Simple Plan and in the US with Good Charlotte

#### Guarding Overseas Bands:

- Green Day

Where: SCG

Job: Backstage, stage entry

Who are they: 3 piece punk-rock band from the USA who have been around since the 90s. They made it big with their album Nimrod and with their single "Good Riddance (Time of your life)" being played on the Seinfeld finale. Since then they have released 3 albums, with their latest album American Idiot helping them reach new levels of fame.

Story: talked to Tre Cool (the drummer) throughout the day, who was really nice.



We talked about his cool hot pink shoes. I was talking to him about how he feels about facing a crowd of 60,000 and if he was nervous, but he said that he

loved going out there and right before he goes out he gets such an adrenaline rush. At the end of the show they had fireworks and had to run off stage but he came over and said bye, thanks so much and gave me his drum sticks. He was so nice and down to earth, which I didn't expect from such a huge star.

- Simple Plan

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security guard



Who are they: Four piece pop-rock French Canadian band. They have an image of punk-rock, although their music does not reflect this.

They have made it big in the tween market, particularly with girls. They made it big with their single "Perfect"

- G3

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: The top three guitarists in the world: Joe Satriani, Steve Vai and John Petrucci

- Scissor Sisters:

Where: Luna Park, Big Top

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: four piece disco band. They have a huge gay following and have recently become hugely successful with the release of their single “I don’t feel like dancing”. Their music is played in almost every cool club in Sydney

**Crowd:** had the best atmosphere, pretty much the whole audience were drag queens, but everyone was really into the music and dancing like crazy

- Pearl Jam:

Where: Acer Arena

Job: Front row - I was doing the front row where tickets cost \$350 each, and got to see the whole show from the best position available

Who are they: a four piece rock band from the US that has been famous since the early 90s. They are very well known and hugely successful.



- Foo Fighters

Where: Acer Arena

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: our piece rock band from the US. They have been famous since the mid-90s and are hugely successful.

- The White Stripes

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security Guard

Who are they: a two piece alternative rock band, made up of a brother and sister (brother plays guitar and sings, while the sister plays drums and does backing vocals).

- 50 Cent

Where: Acer Arena

Job: Back check and general security guard – I found so many drugs during bag searches



Who is he: one of the worlds most famous and controversial Hip-Hop/Rap artists. He was made famous through his close friend

Eminem. He is known for being really tough and has been shot numerous times.

- Opeth:

Where: Luna Park, Big Top

Job: General Security guard

Who are they: A four piece heavy metal rock band from Europe. I had ear plugs in the whole time and I still nearly went deaf!!

- Angels & Airwaves

Where: Luna Park, Big Top

Job: General security guard

Who are they: Four piece rock band, with the lead member being Tom DeLonge from Blink 182. Their music can be dark and is serious, which is in contrast to Blink 182's music

- The Used:

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security guard



Who are they: a four piece punk-rock band from the US. They have been known for their concerts to be crazy and out of control.

**Story:** crazy mosh-pit! Some

poor girl got crushed at the front and was sent off in an ambulance because her chest was crushed and she was vomiting up blood...ewww

- Garbage

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security guard

Who are they: a four piece European rock band, all males with the lead singer who is female. Their style of music can be quite tongue in cheek and usually has an angry feel.

- The Black Eyed Peas

Where: Acer Arena

Job: General security guard



Who are they: a four piece R'n'B band who have become hugely famous and successful following the release of their single “Where is the love” with Justin Timberlake. The band is made up of 3 guys and one girl (Fergie – the

lead singer). Their concerts are not just about the music, they also have a huge amount of dancing and even gymnastics – with Fergie performing cartwheels while singing

- My Chemical Romance:

Where: SCG

Job: Backstage, stage entry

Who are they: a five piece American punk-rock band, who have not been around for very long. Their first album was released in 2005. They have a large teen following, primarily male.

**Story:** I didn't really like them, they were very arrogant and thought they were really important and too good for everyone, but I still love their music

Other Events:



- Nicole Kidman movie premiere:  
Where: Hoyts, Entertainment Quarter  
Job: Personal Security

**Story:** It was really fun. We got to do undercover security, and Nicole was so sweet and beautiful. She doesn't think she is a star but she is! She was kind to everyone.

- Hugh Jackman Production launch

Where: They Argyle center

Job: General Security guard

- The Olsen twins fashion Parade:

Where: Luna Park, Crystal Ballroom

Job: Backstage security

**Story:** It was a really funny experience. They weren't there for that long, but I got to guard their room when they came in and keep the media back. They were so tiny I couldn't believe it, but they wore such huge clothes and sun glasses

- Myer Fashion Parade

Where: The Royal Hall of Industries

Job: General Security Guard

Who was there: Jennifer Hawkins, The footy show, lots of NRL players, Eddie Maguire, James Packer, etc...

- Mercedes Fashion Week:

Where: The Rocks

Job: Backstage security

**Story:** This was a very eye opening experience. I feel sorry for all those “super” models, because their lives are horrible; yes they make a lot of money, but they are so degraded in that they have no say in anything and are just dress up dolls for the designer. They cant even dress themselves. I don’t know where these people live because they are not human, they are all over 6 feet tall, and look like if they got caught in a light breeze would blow over – they were so thin they looked like aliens

- Dolly Teen Choice Awards:

Where: Luna Park, Big Top

Job: Backstage, Green Room security



Who was there???:

- Rogue Traders:

**Stories:** I talked heaps to Natalie Basingthwaite who was really nice and down to earth (although a bit drunk).

- The Veronicas: Really lovely girls. They were so friendly and nice to me and everyone else and were happy to do autographs and photos with everyone.
- Lee Harding: He was really nice and funny. I remember he was looking for his phone and didn't realize it was in his pocket the whole time.
- Guy Sebastian
- Anthony Callea
- Girl Band
- Kid Courageous: They were pretty good. They had these 3 girls who were all between 8 and 10 who somehow snuck backstage and were desperately asking for autographs, but they handled it really well and were really nice to them.
- Stephanie Macintosh
- Big Brother Auditions

Where: Horden Pavilion

Job: General Security Guard

Funny .....

Phew need a rest from all that guarding ...

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