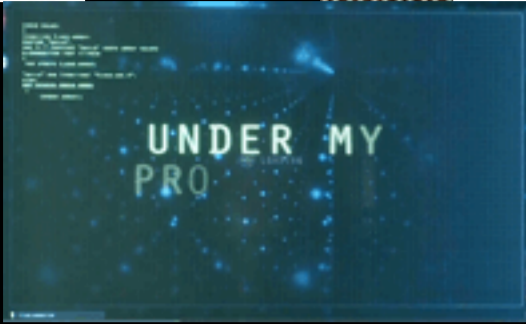


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The Cranberries -The Trusts Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand (March 15th, 2012)

Photos are kind of dodgy, because they're taken on my rubbish phone. The concert was amazing. I even rang some of my friends who weren't able to make the trip, so they could listen to The Cranberries anyway.

It was undeniable that the band were enjoying being on tour again with a new album. Noel Hogan kept showing off playfully with his guitar and I couldn't help but giggle at Delores' adorable dance moves or any time she spoke with that delightful accent of hers. The energy in the crowd was haywire, considerably so during *Zombie*. I cried several times during the concert, especially during *Daffodil Lament* and *Roses*. Delores O'Riordan was stunning as ever. Her outfit was awesome. I especially liked her boots which were black and funky shaped, with sparkly buckles.

I was right up behind the barrier. Delores went right in front of me to sing several times. At one point she winked at me and I died right there and then. This blog post is coming from beyond the grave. I swear.

At the end of the concert Delores promised it would definitely not be another 16 years before they played here again. The drummer threw out his drum sticks to the audience. One of them went into the crowd and the second one bounced off the barrier and into the security area. Seizing the opportunity I leaped over the barrier and went for the drumstick.

The security guard (who is in one of the above photos) had picked up the stick and was ready to toss it back into the crowd, when I came along, trying to get it off him. He held a hand up, signalling for me to climb back over the barrier. The bastard should have just given it to me, seeing as I was the only one eager enough to jump the barrier. Oh well.

Overall, FANTASTIC night. The opening band was Bonjah, a New Zealand alternative rock band. They were brilliant too. Check them out.

Oh yeah and thought I might add that one of the first things I did when I arrived in Auckland that day, was visit Real Groovy records. Its the only one left in New Zealand, now that the wellington one has gone out of business and the one in my city was destroyed by the earthquake.

Anyway, I was speaking with the guy behind the vintage clothing counter and told him about going to The Cranberries that night. He then told me that earlier in the week he'd chatted to a short Irish guy who'd come in earlier in the week, but only found out later that the Irishman had indeed been a member of The Cranberries! Apparently they'd been in town for quite a while, seeing this concert was the first date of their *Roses* tour.

Then on Sunday I went to the last date of Taylor Swift's *Speak Now* tour. I'll post more on that later.

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