




June 26th 2003

Hey, how's it going?

We are home again after our quick flash through parts of Europe and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience! Our own shows were great and we even got to try out a couple of new songs. It was brilliant to play in Belfast again, as we hadn't been there for so long. Bolzano was great as well, it was our first time there and the audience were really receptive.

We have never been on a tour the size of the 'Stones one and it was seriously exciting and at times, awe inspiring even! The stage and the behind-the-scenes production were an incredible sight to behold. It was like moving an entire village from city to city. We were treated really well and we met the band themselves a few times. I think I was star-struck for the first time ever, although when you relax and just chat normally, that feeling vanishes.



We also met AC/DC who played the show in Oberhausen. Brian Johnson (the singer) got on really well with Dolores and they even discussed the possibility of working together in the future. They (AC/DC) were incredible live, very powerful and seriously talented players. It's really encouraging to see the experience of these two bands, who have been doing this for a lot longer than we've even been alive!! (almost). I would love to still be at it at that stage of my life. We are in our rehearsal rooms today working on new material, and we head off to Killarney to play an outdoor festival there tomorrow evening. The Counting Crows and New York singer / songwriter Jesse Malin are also on the bill. It should be good fun as we did a tour with Counting Crows a few years back. As ever, with shows on "the auld sod" (that's Ireland to all you foreigners) we all have lots of family and friends going down for the night, so needless to say there will be mighty festivities afterwards. It's also the last live gig this year as we will be off on holidays for July and then recording for the remaining part of this year.

That's it for now,

Take care,

-Fergal.



Going over some new stuff today...then it's time to pack up and off to Killarney!