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Hi, my name is Mary Emelio, Manager for the band “FIERCE”. We are an all-female band from Central PA. FIERCE entices you with songs from Adele, Heart, Jethro Tull, Led Zeppelin, No Doubt, Patsy Cline, Pink, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Eric Clapton, ZZ Ward, Grace Potter, Melissa Etheridge, Elle King, blues and originals. The band has recently played venues such as The Fieldhouse, Riverfront, Symposium, Rehoboth Ale House, The Swell, AMVETs, 551 West, The Elks (Lancaster), Burning Bridge, Lancaster Pride, Tail Wagger's Trot, Star Films Premier, Harrisburg Pride, Hagerstown Pride, Spooky Nook, Cheney's on the Pike, Highland Pizzeria, Riverside Camping Association, Carnivals, Weddings, and house parties from Lancaster to South Jersey, drawing crowds of 50 to a couple 100 per night. We have 4+ hours of cover and original songs and would love to be considered for a gig at your venue, festival, wedding, corporate event, benefit or party.

In this FIERCE press kit you will find our bio, fact sheet, press clippings, photos, YouTube video locations, business cards, and merchandise available.

I look forward to meeting with you and I hope you will consider our band for an opportunity to perform at your venue. If you have any questions about FIERCE, please call me anytime at (717) 413-0204 or email me at Roadboots55@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mary J. Emelio

Biography

"Put a sultry, soulful singer, driving guitars and a solid bass and drum rhythm section and you have FIERCE--a force to be reckoned with."

-Stu Huggins, Lancaster County Woman
March/April 2013

songs is on Reverb Nation at #3. **FIERCE... a feeling, emotion, or action showing a heartfelt and powerful intensity.** Come feel it for yourself, you won't be disappointed!

Members

Tina Marie Young – Lead Singer
Songwriter



Singer/Song writer and former member of Deja Voodoo, which released an award winning album, *Scratching the Surface* in 2005. Songs from the Album appeared in local indie films. She began singing as a child in the church choir. She is a power singer, belting out raw emotion with every note.

Mary Emelio - Lead Guitar
Vocals - Songwriter



Mary has been the Lead guitarist in various bands FIERCE, Dirty Girls, Darkes, Missing Erica, Delta Jelly and Sisterbeat. She has played at various venues in DE, MD, PA, NC, DC, NY, NJ and in the UK. Her hope and dream is to make a difference in the world with her music. Currently, one of her original songs is on the local Reverb Nation chart.

Kimberly Naddeo – Bass
Vocals - Songwriter



Take a helping of Philly soul with a generous slice of Texas rhythm and blues and you get bassist Kim Naddeo. Originally from Philadelphia, she hit the thriving Austin music scene of the 80s. Kim has a very diverse musical background in live playing, recording and songwriting. Her accomplishments include co-production of her band's album with Nashville notable Phil Madera, and session work on Folk/Psych legend Scott Fagan's upcoming album.

Jody Lee – Drummer
Vocals-Percussion



Jody has been playing the drums since high school and started playing professionally at Hershey Park, at the age of 17. She is a former member of the bands Sisterbeat and Girls Club. She still considers entertaining one of the greatest joys of her life.

"Let them take you on an intense musical journey with an exciting stage presence and a band personality that says 'we're having fun up here' and they'll pull you right in".

-Stu Huggins, Lancaster County Woman
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Fact Sheet

Band Name: FIERCE

Musical Style: Rock, Pop, Blues, Americana, and Originals

Web Site: www.LancasterFierce.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LancasterFierce

Home Base: Lancaster, PA

Artists: Tina Marie Young, lead singer, songwriter
Mary Emelio, lead guitar, vocals, songwriter
Jody Lee, drums, vocals, percussion
Kim Naddeo, bass, vocals, songwriter

Key Performance Venues: Festivals, Clubs, House Parties, Corporate events and Benefits

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Lancaster Newspaper Article

https://lancasteronline.com/features/entertainment/fierce-unites-veteran-musicians-for-rollicking-feel-good-performances/article_24f49f96-7a38-11e8-8356-6740c288d058.html

Fierce unites veteran musicians for rollicking, feel-good performances



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Mary Emelio, left, and Jody Lee of Fierce.

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It didn't take long for Mary Emelio to feel at home in Lancaster's music scene.

Not long after Emelio moved to Lancaster, she connected with all-female band Delta Jelly. Emelio's first show with the band was at the Sundown Lounge.

"As soon as I plugged in and got my wah-wah going, I'm telling you, they all rushed the stage," Emelio says. "I was like, woah ... this is really something. I couldn't believe it."

Now, 13 years later, Emelio is still basking in the liveliness of Lancaster music's scene with her band Fierce.

Fierce will perform Friday at the Elks Lodge's annual pig roast and fireworks event. Tickets must be purchased in advance and include dinner. Fireworks are set for 10 p.m. Fierce also will perform at 551 West on July 7.

Fierce is Emelio on guitar; vocalist Tina Marie Young; bassist Vicki Poole; drummer, singer and guitarist Jerri Leininger; and drummer and percussionist Jody Lee.

Some members of Fierce have played together in previous bands, including Sisterbeat, Dirty Girls and Darkes.

The band plays a mix of originals and covers in styles including rock, funk, country and pop.

Fierce played its first gig in 2011 at Lancaster Pride. The crowd was so engaged that Fierce announced its next show, to be held in Wrightsville. A slew of audience members from Lancaster Pride followed the band to its second gig.

“Oh my goodness, that place was so packed,” Emelio says. “We made the announcement at Lancaster Pride and they all came down. I mean, it was so packed. If I could have got on that bar, I would have.”

Since then, the band has regularly performed at venues in Lancaster, Harrisburg and surrounding areas.

The journey hasn’t always been perfectly smooth. In its lifespan, Fierce has had three lead vocalists: first Deb Guy, then Marti Miller, and now Young, who has been with the band about a year.

Losing a lead singer would make most bands nervous. But Emelio says she was never worried, knowing things would fall into place.

Young had filled in for Miller on occasion, so the other members of Fierce already knew she was a good fit.



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Mary Emelio, left, and Tina Marie Young of Fierce.

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While Young’s music with Deja Voodoo, who she also performs with, is heavier than the music of Fierce, Emelio says she knows how to be tender, too. One of Emelio’s favorite songs to hear Young sing is the Righteous Brothers’ “Unchained Melody.”

“Tina just puts you in a whole different world,” Emelio says. “I’m playing, and I’m like having an out-of-body experience.”

The band performs everything from “Time Warp” from “Rocky Horror Picture Show” to music by modern artists like Gin Wigmore.

Most of all, though, Emelio likes to keep audiences guessing.

“I always want to do stuff that you wouldn’t expect girls to do, kind of like guy rock,” Emelio says. “We do Led Zeppelin, Jethro Tull.”

She also likes to trigger nostalgia in audience members and hopes the songs Fierce plays will conjure up memories.

“If you look back in your life, certain songs got you through certain things. … You can remember, if that comes on the radio, where you were,” Emelio says. “You might not remember what you had for dinner last night, but you remember the words to that song 30 years ago.”

Emelio started playing music when she was 12, plugging away at learning bar chords until she was skilled enough to play lead. Music went by the wayside as she prioritized raising her son, who’s now 30. Now that she’s reconnected with her craft, it’s an integral part of her life.

“If I don’t feel well or something, and then I happen to notice that I hadn’t picked up my guitar in a while,” Emelio says. “And then after I practice I’m like oh, no wonder I don’t feel well, I haven’t played guitar. It’s just something you have to do, I have to do.”

Emelio’s main guitar is a Gibson Nighthawk, which is styled similarly to a Gibson Les Paul but lighter in weight. Nancy Wilson of Heart, one of Emelio’s musical influences, also has been known to play one.

Looking toward the future, Emelio would like to record some new tracks with Fierce and play more benefit concerts. She says she’s happy to be performing in an area that seems to value its local performers so much.

“Pennsylvania is really different, even the sports teams and the fans,” Emelio says. “It’s deep. It goes deep. And that’s how it is with the music.”

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A group of five women are posed together against a red brick wall. From left to right: a woman with short dark hair and glasses in a black blazer; a woman with shoulder-length brown hair and glasses in an orange top; a woman with short dark hair and glasses in a black jacket over a patterned top; a woman with long dark hair and a necklace in a black jacket; and a woman wearing a sequined cowboy hat and a plaid shirt.

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...Unity, Soul, and a lot of Rock 'N' Roll

By Rachel Rocks

photo by Meredith Kaminek

Fierce is a five piece all-female band based out of Lancaster, PA. **Fierce** has been rockin' area stages for over four years and they are stronger than EVER! I've had the privilege of seeing **Fierce** quite a few times now, and I have to say their name definitely fits! They are *INTENSE* from the beginning to the bitter end of every show! Every performance is also very heartfelt whether they are covering Alanis Morissette, Led Zeppelin, or even one of their rocking originals. It hits you to the core and you feel every note and emotion pouring out of them.

Mary Emilio is their killer lead guitar player and also the ring master of the band. She does a great job at keeping everyone organized and doing all the booking and promoting, while also writing more awesome original music. Mary works hard at every angle, she got this band together in the very beginning and she is more than happy with how it's going. Mary recently got back from playing in a tour over in London, England with **The Octavia Blues Band**. It was quite the experience and one she won't forget in a long time. Playing with **Octavia** is always an amazing opportunity, but her true loyalty is with her **Fierce** ladies. She flew home from London and that same night turned around and played a full night at **The Field House** with **Fierce**, that shows complete dedication.

Vicki Poole plays some wicked bass lines, even tho she is usually hiding towards the back of the stage, don't let her fool you, she is "**Fierce**" in her own way. Have you seen her fretless bass?? That thing is wicked in itself! Vicki always has a smile on her face enjoying every moment on the stage. She also does an amazing job at adding the dynamic to their harmonies with her back-up vocals. She's been playing many different instruments for years, some nights she even pulls out her saxophone and starts wailing on that too. With all of her musical ability, Vicki is a great addition to helping to write their originals. Speaking of originals I was told they are hoping to have an original CD by the end of 2016!

Since their last time on our cover back in December of 2013 **Fierce** has had a couple of changes. The first and a major change was a new lead singer, Marti Miller, has taken the stage! She's been singing with the band now for about a year and a half, so she's old news to the regular **Fierce** crowd. Marti has only been singing for about five years, her first priority was being a Mom, but now that the kids are all grown up, it's time to be a ROCKER! Marti's range and stage presence is unbelievable. She sings everything from female and male vocalists and everything from soul to rock. When I asked her what her favorite songs were to sing, she said, "If I'm sweatin' and shaking when it's over, it was a good song!" Obviously she likes to rock just like the rest of us. She thanks her Dad for her crazy streak, and her rock 'n' roll influence, but she's also lucky she grew up with a musical family and is blessed to have so many musicians in her life. Marti has brought a special kind



Vicki Poole, Jerri Leininger, Marti Miller, Mary Emilio, Jacque (Jax) Lynch

of unity to the band. She absolutely loves the **Fierce** fans! She says, "They are all so awesome and supportive! They know how to make you feel good and they welcomed her right in with open arms. The fans are *Fierce*!"

Their other very recent change is unfortunately **Jacque (Jax) Lynch** is leaving the band, she is moving to Arizona to live closer to family, and even tho she was their longest commutes, living all the way down in Delaware, Arizona is a little too far to commute. **Fierce** was Jax's first full band experience, it's been fun watching her blossom into a full blown rocker, even singing lead on a few songs thanks to the encouragement from Marti and Mary. Jax will be missed, and hopefully we will hear about her rocking with a new band once she gets settled. **Fierce** isn't letting this slow them down, they already have a replacement for Jax, someone who definitely is not a new face to **Fierce** fans,

Jody Lee, will be taking more of a full time spot, rockin' the night away with a band she's loved and supported for years!

Jody is excited to continue on this adventure with the rest of the **Fierce** ladies. She has filled in on drums and she has also done some amazing Elvis impersonations from the stage. **Jody** is going to allow their drummer, **Jerri Leininger**, more time to move to the front of the stage and brush the dust off of her guitar, and she'll also be singing some more lead vocals. **Jerri** has been the lead singer of a band before, so she is excited to be able to work all areas of the stage on a

more regular basis. **Jerri** is an amazing drummer! She is a lot of times referred to as "Animo" from the muppets and I can see why. She is an animal! She keeps everyone on track and has a blast doing it! It's fun watching her bang those drums, but it will be great seeing her be able to interact with the crowd even more. **Jody** will also be doing the same switching from percussionist to vocalist. These band changes will allow **Fierce** to do so much more as a band. They are all really looking forward to their new adventures.

Fierce knows they wouldn't be anything without their amazing fans and they definitely have them! Most of their fans are referred to as their "**Fiercettes**". The few times I've seen them they always have their venues packed. **The Field House** is always standing room only and the dance floor is hopping! The fans are all having fun which makes it even easier for **Fierce** to be having a blast on stage. I was shocked at how crazy the fans go when Marti started singing "Ballroom Blitz" it definitely turned it into a **Field House Blitz** for sure! I'm shocked people didn't start dancing on the tables! Speaking of **The Field House**, they will be back there on November 21st. Get out there and see how "**Fierce**" they truly are, I guarantee you, you won't be disappointed!

Fierce also wanted to give a special shout out to Marti's husband, **Matthew**. He does a great job running their sound when they need it. He is also a great roddie and even an electrician. He's one of those guys that can just help you out with just about any problem you may have. Thanks **Matthew** for helping keep this band sounding great!

Get out there and support these ladies! They play everyone from PA to Delaware and plenty of places in between. You can get more info on their website at www.lancasterfierce.com. To get them booked at your venue, give Mary a call at 717-413-0204.



Jody Lee

Press Clippings

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Speaking of such **Fierce**, an all female band from Lancaster and one of our great supporters is going through a lead vocal change. It seems **Marti** and hubby **Matt** are becoming grandparents and **Marti** wants to free up some time. You know how busy all of you working musicians are, you usually have to hold down a day job or two. **Marti's** last two performances with **Fierce** will be on May 6th at 551 West in Lancaster and than her final performance and her sign off night will be May 14th at the **Fieldhouse** in Etters. That is going to be one amazing show. **Tina Marie** will take over the lead vocal duties. **Tina** has been involved in the local music scene for many years. She is most well-known for her leading role in the all-original gothic rock band, **Deja Voodoo**, which released an award winning album, "*Scratching the Surface*" in 2005. Songs from that album have appeared in local indie films. **Tina Marie** is a power singer, belting out raw emotion with every note. She hopes to win the hearts of **FIERCE** fans as their new lead singer and I'm sure she will. One thing for sure **Fierce** will continue to rock!



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My night wasn't over yet, next I zoomed on down to **The Field House** for **Fierce**. It was my first time catching them with their new lead singer, **Tina Marie**. I saw **Tina Marie** sing years ago in a band called Deja' Voodoo. One thing for sure is that girl can SING! She has an amazing set of pipes that fit in beautifully with **Fierce's** type of music. It's always cool to see bands be able to change band members and never miss a beat. It really shows you **Fierce's** professionalism. It was great to see their fans not missing a beat either still filling up the dance floor and having a good time with **Fierce**. October 29th they will be playing at the "**"Fierceist"** Halloween Party in Lancaster at **551 West**, starting at 9pm. It's sure to be a spooktacular good time. Put on your costume and get out there and enjoy a wild night out on the town.



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Thank you,
Rachel Rocks, for coming
out and supporting us! It
was a good, good night at
the Fieldhouse! Always love
seeing you, and love the
spotlights ;)

Saturday was a very long day, but I managed to sneak out pretty late to see **Fierce** at the **FieldHouse** in Etters. When I got there around midnight the place was rockin! **Fierce** had the dance floor so packed they had the patio door open and there were people dancing out on the patio too! I made it there in time to see **Jerri** step out from behind the drums to take lead on vocals, she did a great job showing off even more of her talents. **Jax** also took the lead to sing fellow band member, **Vicki**'s original song, I believe it was called "*Restitution*". It's always awesome hearing "cover" bands making the switch to their own original music. **Mary** was ripping away on the guitar, constantly amazing people with her talent. Last but not least is **Marti**; I don't think there is anything that girl can't sing. They have such a crazy mix of music from rock to blues and everything in between. Overall it was a great night of music and I'm glad I got to party with **Fierce** again. It's always awesome to see so many rockin' ladies on the stage! Check out **Fierce**'s ad in this issue and get out there and rock with them soon!



OUT & ABOUT
by RACHEL ROCKS!

Thanks to a designated driver I made it down to the **Field House** for **Fierce**. **Fierce** is one of our newer advertisers, and I was glad I finally got the chance to catch a show. **Fierce** is an all female party band from Lancaster. These ladies throw in a couple more modern rock songs, but they also play classic rock and even some oldies. They know how to change their set list and make sure their fans are having a great time. **Fierce** is on the move broadening their playing area. Check out their ad in this issue and catch them out "live" in your area soon.



OUT & ABOUT
by RACHEL ROCKS!

What a wonderful start to a great new year! My life is still as busy as ever, but I'm glad I have the privilege to be busy. This month is going to be even crazier with the Millennium Music Conference taking place February 20-23rd, right over our March deadline! I won't be there manning a booth this year, but as of press time, Jim Price and Meredith Kaminek (our staff photographer), might be. So if they are there, please hunt them down and say Hi. I'll be at the MMC mingling around, more at the showcases than the conference tho. It's going to be very strange to not experience the full effect of the conference, but I'm sure it will still be a blast with plenty of shenanigans and bacon! Someone please pass the Gummy Bears...

Before I talk about next month it's time to focus on all of the fun I had throughout January. This month's article started with a trip down to the Fieldhouse for **Fierce**. You might remember these fine ladies by our Cover Story last month. **Fierce** hadn't played in the area for quite a while, and their fans were definitely out to support them! All the tables were packed and the dance floor was crowded. Poor Deb strained her voice, but she still pushed thru and finished the show. It always amazes me what musicians do to keep their fans, and the venue happy. **Fierce** was looking forward to a live radio show interview they had coming up, down at The Nail outside of Philly in the middle of January. These ladies are on a roll. Check out their schedule in this issue and get out there and party with them soon!

The same weekend it was my friend Kristin's birthday night out on the town. Nate Myers, Pete, Mike, and special guest, Christopher Dean were playing at MoMo's in Harrisburg, so we decided to head in there. Christopher Dean has his whole own band that he tours with up and down the East Coast, so it was awesome to have two great musicians sharing the lead role throughout the night. They also had a guest bass player, so Pete was able to break out on guitar! Love hanging with Nate Myers and the Aces, and any other random musicians that



Photos



FIERCE Links

Website: www.LancasterFierce.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFierce>

Here are some FIERCE You Tube Videos:

Locomotive Breath:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFt63KFYKvc&list=PLC4624C4E6BDA1C3D&index=5&feature=plpp_video

Whole Lotta Love:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXaKWX2AuHU&list=PLC4624C4E6BDA1C3D&index=6&feature=plpp_video

Bad Romance: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reRwM_O5ADQ&feature=relmfu

You Don't Know (Fierce Original Song): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJgkrSlw-UE&feature=relmfu>

Promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMIZc6Wt-K8&index=7&list=PLC4624C4E6BDA1C3D>

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ReverbNation Status

A screenshot of a band profile on ReverbNation. The profile picture features the same stylized eyes from the business card. The band name "Fierce" is displayed prominently at the top. Below it, there's a small photo of the band members performing on stage. To the right, a badge indicates "Rank #3". The profile also shows the genre "Rock / Pop / Originals" and the location "Lancaster, PA".

Merchandise



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Black Short Sleeve T Shirt, \$20



Black Long Sleeve T Shirt, \$25



Drawstring Bag, \$3



Bottle or Can Cozie, \$4



Two Tone Fierce Tote Bag, \$20



Fierce Flip Flops, \$15