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Lancaster's Premier All-Girl Band

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Hi, my name is Mary Emelio, Manager for the band "FIERCE". We are an all-girl band from Central PA. FIERCE entices you with songs from Heart, Jethro Tull, Led Zeppelin, No Doubt, Patsy Cline, Pink, Eric Clapton, ZZ Ward, Grace Potter, blues and originals. The band has recently played venues such as The Fieldhouse, Riverfront, Symposium, Rehoboth Ale House, AMVETs, 551 West, Burning Bridge, Lancaster Pride, Tail Wagger's Trot, Star Films Premier, Harrisburg Pride, Spooky Nook, Cheney's on the Pike, Carnivals and house parties from Lancaster to South Jersey, drawing crowds of 50-2,000 per night. We have 4+ hours of covers and original songs and would love to be considered for a gig at your club.

Enclosed you will find the FIERCE press kit (bio, fact sheet, press clippings, photos, YouTube video locations, business cards, and merchandise).

I look forward to meeting with you and I hope you will consider our group 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.

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*

FIERCE is a five piece, all-girl band based out of Lancaster, PA. Their music consists of Rock, Pop, Blues, Americana, and Originals. The group has been in existence since November 2011, playing their first gig at the Tail Wagger's Trot at Buchanan Park, in Lancaster, PA. The group is comprised of

former members of the Dirty Girls, Sisterbeat Bands and Bennitt & Miller. Currently, one of their original songs is on Reverb Nation at #05. **FIERCE... a feeling, emotion, or action showing a heartfelt and powerful intensity.** Come feel it for yourself, you won't be disappointed!

Members

Marti Miller – Lead Singer



Former member of Full Moon Blues, Alternate Therapy & Bustin Glass. She is influenced by Joan Jett, Janis Joplin & Pat Benatar. She began singing in church as a little girl.



Mary Emelio - Lead Guitar –
Vocals - Songwriter

Graduated from Delaware Technical & Community College. Former member of a few local bands - Dirty Girls, Darkes, Missing Erica, Delta Jelly, and Sisterbeat. Currently, one of her original songs is on the local Reverb Nation chart.

Vicki Poole – Bass –
Vocals - Songwriter



Joined FIERCE in October 2012. Former member of the band, Sisterbeat and the Westminster Municipal Band. Has played numerous instruments since the age of 9.



Jody Lee – Drummer –
Vocals-Percussion

Jody has been playing the drums since high school and started playing professionally at the age of 17, at Hershey Park. She has played with many local bands and still considers entertaining one of the greatest joys of her life.



Jerri Leininger-Drummer-Vocals-Guitar-Songwriter

Former member of the bands - Dirty Girls, Darkes, Bittersweet and Easy Street, where she was lead vocalist and drummer. She has been playing music since she was a little girl.

"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: Marti Miller, lead singer, songwriter
Mary Emelio, lead guitar, vocals, songwriter
Jerri Leininger, drums, vocals, guitar
Jody Lee, drums, vocals, percussion
Vicki Poole, bass, vocals, sax, songwriter

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

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PA Musician Magazine Article



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

By Rachel Rocks photo by Meredith Kaminick

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 Emelio 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. **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

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 commuter, 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



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

more regular basis. **Jerri** is an amazing drummer! She is a lot of times referred to as "**Animal**" 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!



Jody Lee

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 roadie 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.

Press Clippings

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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!

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Fierce

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FIERCЕ — Performers Who Deliver a Powerful & Intense Show

By Rachel Rocks

Fierce is a great name for this band. The definition of Fierce is a *powerful, energetic, or even violent behavior and powerful force...* When you are at a Fierce show, that is exactly what you get. Fierce is a five piece, all girl band based out of Lancaster. When they originally came up with the name, had in 2011, they didn't think a name like that since they had just recently received the Guinness Book of Records and their name.

Fierce's lead singer is Deborah Gray. This is her first time being in a band, but she is a very professional. She can be singing your favorite top 40 songs, and then switch up easily to a soul blues song, or rock, and then back again. She might be new to the band scene, but she's not new to the music scene. She's a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Podiatry and Doctorate, she worked at Center Center for a few years, plus she also works at Lancaster Community College. She's a very busy girl, but she managed to find her time to be in a band.

Mary Emilio is the lead guitar player and one of the youngest members of the band. She's been playing throughout the music scene in different bands. Dirty Girls, Delta, Jolly, and Sisterhood, but she wanted to be in a band for good. One of Mary's original songs, "How You Feel" is currently playing in Pennsylvania. Mary is the who makes up the band. She has a great ear for music and makes them keep playing songs until they get out of all of the lyrics. She also has the lead guitar and makes sure to get their ideas heard up throughout the whole show.

Jeri Leininger is their drummer and one of the key members of the band. Jeri is the driving force behind the band. She has been playing for a long time and makes the right way. Jeri has been encouraged to make the as long as she can remember. She's really in love with music and has all the way back in her hometown, Minnesota. She, who even has had some published work and has had her own studio in her home. She's also played in the band's "Cherry" in 1995. She recently played in East River when she was the lead vocalist and the drummer, plus she also played in Day City with Mary.

Deborah Gray has been playing guitar since she was 7 years old. But she also has first experience in a band. She has always loved music, but unfortunately she was very shy. Her cousin Mary was one of her main reasons. They encouraged her to help start up Fierce, and she taught her to play, over the last couple of years. She has been very nervous at it, and she even broke out in bad rashes in a couple of spots. She has to be nervous for practice. She lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She says it's not worth the drive, but she plays guitar just about in Lancaster, and it's a great one.

Deborah Gray is the lead singer, and she has been playing guitar since she was 7 years old. She also played in the band, but she says she's not really playing guitar in Fierce, she was just a member. It was great to be back playing with Mary again. She has been playing

musicians most recently when she was 9 years old. She's played some of those instruments in the Pennsylvania Musical Band. At most shows you'll also get to see her pull out her saxophone. A sax is something you don't see too often in local shows around here. It's a great addition to the band.

The only bad thing about watching one of their shows here, but I can tell you for sure, it was "Fierce" (sing the name). Their set list is crazy and all over the place, they play everything from rock, pop, blues, americana, and more. Plus, they also have their originals. Their show is very intense because you never know what they are going to play next. Some of the crowd favorites are "How You Feel" by Jeri Leininger and "Love Somebody" by Mary Emilio. You know they'll change gears and everyone will be just as excited to hear "Bad Hair" by Jeri. They also play "I'm Not Ready" by the Allman Brothers. One of the bands favorite songs to play is "Fierce" by Grace Potter.

Speaking of their shows, you can find your own chances to check them out at The Fierce House in Harrisburg on December 20th. Plus they are currently making in the Harrisburg area. They are about being featured on their website. You can check it out at www.fierceband.com.

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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.



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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 Gummi 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=IXaKWX2AuHU&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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Black Long Sleeve T Shirt, \$25



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