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AUTHOR LIVED ROCK FANTASY WITH AC/DC, KISS

MADISON, Wis. Sit center stage, front row with the top bands of the late 1970s, from KISS to AC/DC, through the memories of a Wisconsin rock journalist who was there to see their best performances, interview them at the height of their careers, and party with them until dawn.

Author Susan Masino takes readers into the backstage world of rock n roll in her new book, *Rock n Roll Fantasy: My Life and Times with AC/DC, Van Halen, KISS, &*.

Now a popular Madison radio deejay, Masino was associate editor of the Wisconsin music newspaper, *The Emerald City Chronicle*, when bands like Van Halen and Cheap Trick were rising to fame and crossing her front pages on visits to Wisconsin.

It was a three-year personal relationship with AC/DC roadie Barry Taylor that brought her closest to the rock n roll inner circle. The book recounts AC/DC s rise to fame through Masino s personal accounts and the 30 letters she collected from the road along the band s journey from their first American tour in 1977 to the release of their *Back in Black* album in 1980.

The book also includes more than 60 photos some never before published of Masino s wild ride of interviews and parties with such top 1970s bands as KISS, Van Halen, Cheap Trick, Ted Nugent, Keith Emergson, Lake and Palmer, Leslie West, Todd Rundgren and David Bowie.

Among the highlights are stories of sharing a bag of Bing cherries with Ted Nugent at a post-concert party in Green Bay, partying with KISS at the Edgewater Hotel in Madison and staging a concert with the *Chronicle* for an up and coming Van Halen at the Shuffle Inn in Madison in 1978 and the hotel party that followed it with enough ruckus to attract the police.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan Masino, works as a disk jockey in Madison. A veteran music journalist who once published her own rock magazine, *Rock Central* is also the author of the new musician profile book, *Famous Wisconsin!" Musicians*, published by Badger Books Inc.

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