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Gig Reviews...

Photo by Noel Buckley

I never heard the music of **Deborah Bonham** before and just presumed she was an act living in the shadow of her brother John.

How wrong was I? Deborah Bonham produced one of the best performances of the weekend. Here was an act that really should be playing the big stages.

Bonham has a very strong powerful voice, backed by a great band who took her songs to another level. Playing songs from her last two albums 'Old Hyde' and 2008's 'Duchess' my interest didn't wane throughout, but it was on a new song 'I Need Love' that Deborah Bonham sang her heart out, putting all her emotion into this great heavy building ballad, and leaving this boy almost weeping.

For 'Old Hyde', the previous days sensation Chantel McGregor made an appearance to add some touches to the guitar solo at the end ending with an embrace from Bonham, which was a nice touch.

For the encore I noticed the guitarist strapping on a Gibson and I thought, hello what's coming next? With tssh, tssh, tssh der, der, tssh on the drums the band stormed into Led Zep's 'Rock 'N Roll', ending what was an excellent set.

