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Samantha Fish left the crowd wanting more after her barnstorming performance at Edinburgh's Usher Hall in 2022. Almost exactly a year to the day, she returns with Jesse Dayton in support of their collaborative long-player *Death Wish Blues*. The stage chemistry between the pair was obvious as they blasted into a cover of MC5's *Kick Out The Jams*.

The funky groove of *Deathwish* finds Fish strutting all over the stage in theatrical gold flared trousers and a gleaming leather bike jacket. Dayton is a more laid-back figure whose presence gradually comes to the fore, it's clear he's an excellent foil for his co-star and those less familiar with his work are fans by the end of the night.

The rock n' roll blonde bombshell's voice excels during a cover of the 1963 Barbara Lewis hit *Hello Stranger*. The Dayton and Fish pairing shines particularly during an acoustic interlude that includes Townes van Zant's *I'll Be Here In The Morning* and Dayton's own *Baby's Long Gone*.

They trade solos and wow the Barrowlands leaving them slack-jawed at the guitar theatrics on display while delivering some soulful interpretations from a variety of genres, Fish's arresting voice is a good fit for a version of *Screamin' Jay Hawkins I Put A Spell On You* while *7 and 7 Is* originally by Love is a set highlight.



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