

= These Days : Live in Concert =

These Days : Live in Concert is a live album by Australian alternative rock band Powderfinger , released as a CD on 6 September 2004 , and as a two disc DVD on 4 October 2004 .

The album consists of songs performed by Powderfinger in concerts at Sydney Entertainment Centre , and Fox Studios in Sydney . Most of the songs performed are from Powderfinger 's prior studio album ; Vulture Street . These Days : Live in Concert earned a mixed response from reviewers ; some enjoyed the energy and flair of the live performances , while others disliked the lack of dynamism .

= = Production = =

These Days : Live in Concert disc one was directed by Gregor Jordan , who the band had first encountered when he requested they write " These Days " for his film Two Hands . Bernard Fanning also worked with Jordan on the film Ned Kelly in 2003 . The band chose Jordan because they did not want to present These Days : Live in Concert as " just straight @-@ up live concert footage " , but instead wanted to present it from a different angle . Jordan agreed , and believed that the band being a successful rock group from Brisbane was an interesting angle to work from .

Disc one of These Days : Live in Concert was recorded by Powderfinger during sellout performances at Sydney Entertainment Centre , and featured live performances of 14 songs , including nine singles . The footage on the disc was shot over two nights . Disc two " low key " was directed by Bernie Zelvis of Channel V , and was recorded at Sydney 's Fox Studios . The disc contained mostly acoustic performances by the band , and included a cover of " Inner City Blues " by Rodriguez .

The band 's live performances at large venues such as the Sydney Entertainment Centre was criticised by some fans , as the band had previously stated they disliked playing to large crowds . Drummer Jon Coghill said he was not bothered by the comments , as the band (other than guitarist Ian Haug) generally did not take much note of such critique .

= = Release and response = =

These Days : Live in Concert was released as a CD on 6 September 2004 , through the record label Universal Music Australia . Only 40 @,@ 000 copies of the CD were initially created . Meanwhile , the DVD version was released on 4 October 2004 . " Stumblin ' " , the first and only single from the album , was released on 6 June 2004 , but failed to chart .

These Days : Live in Concert entered the ARIA charts at # 2 19 September 2004 , and spent a total of 8 weeks in the chart , exiting on 7 November 2004 . The CD version was certified " Gold " by ARIA , while the DVD version was certified " Double Platinum " in the same year .

These Days : Live in Concert received a mixed response from reviewers . Sputnikmusic reviewer James Bishop approved of the album , giving it a score of 4 / 5 , and summarising " Powderfinger deliver a live show that 's as entertaining as it is surprising " . Bishop praised numerous performances on disc one , calling " Rockin ' Rocks " " a great introduction to their arena spectacular " , describing the almost instrument @-@ free performance of " These Days " as " one of the most heart @-@ wrenching moments they ? ve ever recorded " , and calling " Thrilloilogy " " the quintessential live Powderfinger track " . Bishop also enjoyed disc two , lauding the acoustic performances of " Sunsets " and " Love Your Way " , and describing b @-@ side " Rita " as " an absolute hit as usual " .

Jeff Crawford , of Adelaide newspaper The Messenger disagreed with Bishop , giving the album three stars , and stating " Gregor Jordan 's concert film makes the most of Powderfinger 's strengths but can 't disguise their lack of dynamism , while the interviews are hardly insightful " . He called Fanning 's solo on " These Days " the highlight of the album .

= = Personnel = =

= = Track listing = =