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Jimmy takes step too far, falls off stage during Australian concert

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Jimmy Buffett was injured from a fall off stage on Tuesday night during his concert in Sydney, Australia. The chief parrothead appears to have been blinded by the lighting sequence and fell into the gap between the stage and the audience. Audience members who were nearby said Jimmy appeared to have been knocked unconscious by the fall and was bleeding from a head wound.

The accident occurred during the encore, as Jimmy sang, "It's been a lovely cruise. I'm sorry it's ended." It appears that flashing lights during the segment made the edge of the stage invisible and Jimmy took the step too far. Audience members heard the sounds of metal objects clanging as he fell.

Jimmy's tour manager Michael Chugg came on stage and urged the concertgoers to leave while paramedics arrived.

"We were told to leave the premises," Dan Bateman, 30, told The Daily Telegraph of Sydney. "No one really wanted to leave because everyone was anxious to know if he survived the fall. Everyone was pretty horrified."

Jimmy was taken 30 minutes later to St. Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst. He has remained there both overnight and all of today, Jan. 26. Jimmy has received medical testing, including a CAT scan, which came back with normal results.

Lucy Buffett has been in touch with her brother's family and says he is doing well.

"Lucy spoke to his camp and he is doing fine, recovering, and will stay in the hospital overnight," said Johnny Fisher, the general manager for

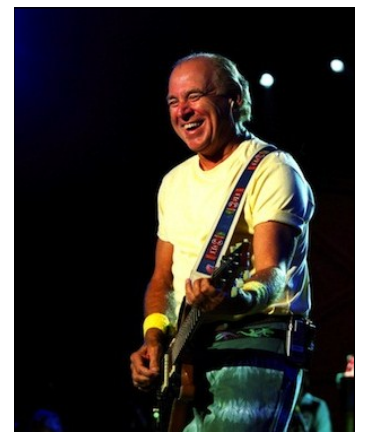
Lulu's at Homeport restaurant in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Jimmy's website Margaritaville.com was slow to update on his condition but has now posted that he is doing well and expects to be released from the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 27.

The concert in Auckland for this weekend has been canceled, according to Corral Reefer Peter Mayer.

"Thanks for your best wishes, prayers and comments," Peter posted to his Facebook page. "While we're sad to cancel the show in Auckland, it's the best thing. Jimmy is resting up. He was very fortunate to not have had worse injuries from his fall. He's tough, he bounces and he'll be back soon."

For more information on the accident, please read Singer Jimmy Buffett falls off the stage in Sydney, taken to hospital in the Daily Telegraph or



Jimmy Buffett stepped off stage and fell into the orchestra pit during the Sydney concert.

(photo from the Margaritaville.com)

Jimmy Buffett falls off stage at Australia concert from the Associated Press on Yahoo!

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