

Stone Roses photographer Paul Slattery speaks to *This Is The Daybreak* (18/02/14).

Paul Slattery recalls his photo session with the Roses in Tokyo in 1989, and shares photos from the session.



My old mate Philip Hall was doing publicity for the Roses at the time and asked me if I fancied a trip to Japan with the band. I'd been to Japan before first back in '87 to photograph Michael Jackson's tour, had really enjoyed myself and was keen to get back.

We flew off to Tokyo together and met up with the band in a restaurant in Roppongi where we ate steaks cooked on hot rocks. Then it was off to Lexington Queens club for what was to become a nightly late night chill out and drink up for the band, and of course an opportunity to acquaint themselves with Japanese fans which they relished.

The Roses were in Japan for six days where they did four amazing gigs in five days, the amazing meals continued nightly and the band were plied with free booze and were mobbed by fans. They loved every minute of it.

On the day before we left, the band and I went down to the offices of their record company Alfa Records in the waterside area in the south of Tokyo where the Tokyo monorail runs.

They had to do a number of interviews for various magazines and by late afternoon were gagging to get out. Of course just the moment we left the Alfa offices it started to rain so we went on to this walkway on the canal underneath to monorail.



The band were in pretty good spirits and I got some great images of them although I doubt the session lasted more than ten minutes. That's about all they wanted to do, and about all I wanted to do too. One of the photographs ended up on the front cover of "The Complete Stone Roses" to my amazement.

You can look at this location yourselves on google maps. The address of the office was 3-5-39 Shibaura, Minato ku, Tokyo, and you can see the locations here on streetview:

<https://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=Tamachi+Station,+Tokyo,+Japan&hl=en&ll=35.638881,139.749612&spn=0.007185,0.009377&sll=52.8382,-2.327815&sspn=10.894691,19.204102&oq=tamachi&t=m&z=17&layer=c&cbll=35.638881,139.749612&panoid=Bt7sdPFdMBZn4EMDkvYbQ&cbp=12,26.12,,0,0>

All the best,

Paul Slattery

