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SPY CAMERA: Sarah's photo of Radiohead star Thom Yorke protesting at the radar base at RAF Fylingdales

Sarah hits right note for rock stars



IN FOCUS: Sarah "Photogirl" Robinson

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SARAH "Photogirl" Robinson was there at the Live 8 concert in London's Hyde Park, but she wonders what it was like...

While the crowds and billions of television viewers were enthralled by the performers rocking to make poverty history, Sarah was backstage taking pictures of the stars. There was simply no time for the 27-year-old freelance professional from Scarborough to enjoy the show.

That is the price of her growing fame among the top bands who are sensitive about their public image. Former Jam frontman Paul Weller is said to insist on

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her being his photographer. Other clients include Lamar and Blur.

She is also an official photographer for AOL, whose bosses are so impressed with her self-taught work that they have backed her first major London exhibition at Whitfield Studios on Thursday, July 30.

Such has been the response of interest from the music industry, including Emi, Sony and the music press, as well as individual rock stars like her pal Paul Weller and Frankie from The Darkness, that the studio

has expressed worry that it might not be able to cater for everyone. It has been turned into a VIP only event.

All of which were good reasons for entering both the Women in Enterprise and Small Business of the Year categories in the Evening Press Business Awards.

Her website is testimony to why her work has begun to appear in national newspapers. At www.sarahphotogirl.com are featured private moments of bands such as The Kaiser Chiefs, The Libertines, The Darkness and Blur.

Final proof of her dedication to the visual arts comes with her acting role in the film, *Shaun Of The Living Dead*, although you are hardly likely to recognise her through her make-up - as a zombie!