

Artist's Statement

by Mike McCartney

You'd never believe what happened the day before! but July 2nd 2005 was one of those unique, never happen again days, for me and my wife Rowena. We'd been invited to 'LIVE8', Hyde Park, London. The impossible attempt by Bob, Bono, Richard, Harvey and a myriad megastars, who all believed the impossible *was* possible, to persuade the G8 World leaders to make African and world poverty, History and, at the same time, have a ball!



As it was more of a family day out than a professional photographic assignment, I couldn't take my 'posh' Nikon 100 (plus telephoto lens) but for such an important day I couldn't resist my compact Coolpix 4500, slung over my shoulder like a ladies' handbag, plus the odd 1GB digi film and a billion batteries!... the last, 'backup' battery placed in Ro's silver shoulder bag. All I had to do was snap away all day. It was a fantastic opportunity and an extraordinary privilege.

This is what happened.