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Blood on Pavilion's dance floor as Damned play town



■ "GOTHIC PARTY": That's what was planned by The Damned, with lead singer David Vanian (left) and bass guitarist Patricia Morrison (right) — but a small group of youths in Worthing had other ideas.



THERE was blood on the dance floor at Worthing's Pavilion Theatre last week after a violent fracas erupted.

The trouble started at the end of a concert from 1970s punk band The Damned, when a small group of youths got into a fight.

The concert, on Wednesday night, was billed as a "goth-ic party".

One man who was in the audience claimed the gang were 'out for trouble'.

He told the Herald the group of his left the theatre and continued to fight outside, throwing stones, kicking, punching and head-butting.

"I don't think the Pavilion's ever seen anything like it before," the man said.

"Some of these kids had steel toe-capped boots on and



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they just started on one particular bloke, kicking him in the face."

The Pavilion's operations manager, Trevor Gray, said the trouble was a "minor incident".

He said: "There was a scuffle at the end of the performance."

"It was only a minor, minor thing. I am surprised it is of any real interest."

"It involved a very small number of people. It wasn't a major issue."

He confirmed there was a small amount of blood on the dance floor area from the initial

"scuffle" inside the theatre.

A police spokeswoman said officers were called to the Pavilion at around 10.30pm because someone had reported a "disturbance".

"We received reports that there were two men head-butting and pushing people around and there was a group of around 10 people fighting and throwing stones."

No arrests were made.

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