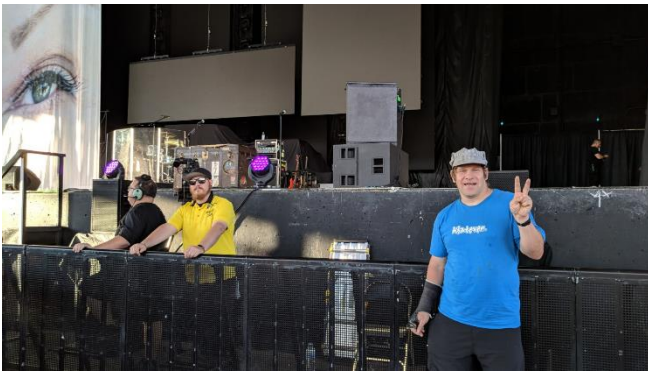


Downtown Train

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Tim went to the Budweiser Stage on August 24, 2018 to see one of his favourite singers, Cindy Lauper, along with Rod Stewart. Tim and I took the GO Train down to Exhibition Stadium. He was very excited to purchase a t-shirt of the 80s songstress, and as luck would have it, Tim got a t-shirt of both Cindy and Rod. It was exciting to be amongst the fans, and Tim was shocked to be sitting just a few rows from the stage! He asked to have his picture taken in front of the stage and with the 16,000 fans.



Tim was elated when Cindy Lauper came out onto the stage and began singing. She even came down the stage stairs within feet of us to sing in the audience. Tim desperately tried to reach out his hand to touch her but security was following close by. He joined in with the audience standing up and waving his arms in the air while singing 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun'.



Tim was grinning ear to ear. After all, this was his first time at a concert. During the break, Tim and I dropped into the Live Nation booth and got Tim a lanyard and guitar picks to mark this very special event. Later, Tim and I went to check out the FM music booths, 97.3 Boom and 107Q. Tim had pictures taken with the staff of both stations.



Rod Stewart came on after Cindy Lauper and Tim was over the moon, singing along to 'Downtown Train'. He tried to catch one of the signed soccer balls that Rod Stewart was kicking out to the fans, but was unsuccessful. This did not dishearten him too much, because he had an awesome time listening to great music, eating out and taking many pictures to remember the first of many concerts to come.