



STAFFORD BROTHERS A NON STOP PARTY

Matt and Chris Stafford want a #1 chart smasher. The sibling party DJ duo have been touring globally over the last year whilst filming season two of their reality TV series *The Stafford Brothers* which premieres this Friday, January 27, at 5.30pm on FOX8. ANNABEL MACLEAN chats with the laid-back lads about the series and what's in store for 2012.

"I think he just absolutely hated us," Matt Stafford says, having just landed in Perth and talking on the topic of Joey, their fiery manager, who spent a few days at a wellness centre in Thailand while the boys played gigs and wine and dined in Thai heaven. "We were having the time of our lives. He had to do that for his health. He was quite fat in the first series." But, it wasn't all fun and games for the boys, Chris ended up getting a foot infection and Matt almost got smashed by a Muay Thai championship boxer. In an episode of the second series, a Thai 'doctor' attempts to help Chris by pouring warm water on his infected foot – an act which did not help the cause. "I'm going to have to say no," Chris says, laughing, when asked whether he chose to not mix alcohol while on antibiotics for the infection. "I definitely did drink while on antibiotics. To be honest, it was quite painful walking on it."

The filming for the second series began early last year and the final episode hasn't been filmed yet. With roughly a year of footage from so many different countries, Matt says "Season one has got nothing on season two, that's for sure." The goal that is set by the boys at the beginning of the second series is to have a #1 track and the series is centred on that – aside from the distractions of general party behaviour, Joey's outbursts and Brooke Evers' (Matt's girlfriend) media and DJ career. "We auditioned vocalists and we ended up working with a really big Australian producer and we got an amazing female vocalist," Matt says, talking of the filmed journey to create a #1 tune. "The track has been building throughout this time and should release on the last episode."

Although it's been exciting globetrotting non-stop for the duo, the lads wish they could spend more time in the countries they tour. "We went to Whistler and we only got to do a show there, we didn't even get to go snowboarding there so that's something that you always miss out on," Chris says. "Even in Thailand, every day we'd do a show and then we'd have to fly to another place so for us there's so many places that I'd like to stay like Canada in the snow and places like Ibiza."

Touring has also stretched the relationship between Matt and his girlfriend Brooke who recently moved to Sydney from the Gold-Coast. "It's been really tough and it's not getting any easier to be honest," he says. "She just had three weeks off and I've seen her two days because I just haven't been home so it's just bananas."

The lads have two singles coming out on Ministry Of Sound as well as their own compilation *Season 2: Stafford Brothers Soundtrack* amongst others. And, of course, "the big one is [the one] you'll see on the TV show and that's our #1 record that we're trying to get," Chris says. But, for now, it's all about partying it up at their two shows on Australia Day here in Perth. "We bring the party and Australia Day is a massive day here so we'll be right amongst it," Matt concludes.



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