

The David Soul Appreciation Club

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

David live at The Fab Café in Leeds

You may remember that David appeared at The Fab Café in Manchester in June 2001. Well, they are opening a new venue in Leeds and David has been asked to open it. The evenings will have David talk for about an hour, taking questions, etc and singing quite a few more songs than last time-the best of both worlds really: chats **and** a mini-concert...can life get any better?? The Leeds venue will be a lot bigger than Manchester and two or three other celebrities will take to the stage as well...so, I have no idea whether David will be first or last! Nor how long the evening will go on for for that matter...but doors will open at 7pm for an 8pm start. The Leeds evenings should also be filmed for TV, as part of the new project...but not in their entirety. There has been such a massive demand for tickets that even though there will now be two opening nights on both Wednesday 25th September and Thursday 26th September all tickets have **sold out** immediately!! However, we have managed to get hold of 15 tickets for DSAC members. They are available from **Sylvie only**, at the above address, and are strictly on a first come first served basis. Stipulating to her which night you wish to attend is a must. Anyone who has, in the meantime, received tickets that they don't want (wrong night, etc) should send them to Sylvie if they can so she can do swaps.

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Here is what David has been up to in August:

- **Voice-Overs** - In the first week of August he recorded voice-overs for 'Dr Who' and 'Eight Legged Freaks'. We believe the ads will be shown on TV soonish in the UK. He has also recorded a voice-over for a National Geographic Documentary on Tutenkamen.
- **American Authors** - David was busy on the morning of Friday 9th recording more voice-overs for TV (though which channel, I'm not sure. This time it was for a programme on American authors and he had to read extracts from: 'As I Lay Dying' by Faulkner, and 'The Adventures of Augie March' by Saul Bellow.
- **West End Visit** - David went to see Janie Dee's latest show in the West End later that same day (Janie Dee was his co-star in Comic Potential) as she'd invited him, but even though he'd told her that his voice wouldn't be up to it, she tricked him into going on stage, put a guitar in his hands and asked him to sing a song (an old one or a duet, I'm not sure). He felt he did badly but 'got through it'. It was recorded though (for TV or radio??). Afterwards, he, Janie and Alexa all went out for dinner.

Here is what David has been up to in August: (cont:)

- **Spanish visit** - David flew to Spain on his birthday, Wednesday 28th, to host a charity show in Malaga called 'The Innocents Ball' which took place on Saturday 31st. Hugh Burns and Pavel Rosak (his key-board player during the 99 concert tour) also attended to accompany David when he sang at the event. He had such a great time whilst he was over there and loved the hotel grounds too!! The 'do' was a success but it was not televised...pity. David has given us the contact details of people who got him over to Marbella, ie. The official photographer and organiser, to see if we could get hold of some amateur video footage or one of the many, many photos that were taken over there.. The photographer's girlfriend is a big DS fan so I would say she'll be on our side!! David flew back to the UK on 3rd September. By the way, Sylvie has mentioned that after his recent series of foreign travel he is positively sun-tanned and blonder too but he's still got the beard...he says that he'll probably keep it till he's 60!! He did a few interviews for the press as well. The PR people sold the photos to HOLA, the biggest selling Spanish glossy magazine....it's such a popular mag it's sold world-wide, so I'm sure we'll find it, in the Spanish shelf of your large newsagents...they may even have a shot or two in the English version?-my guess- ('Hello'- what else?!). The article will be featured in one of the October issues (it's a weekly publication). Also, the inflight magazine for BMI, baby flights from Gatwick to Malaga, will run a story on David's visit. Anyone flying British Midland soon?!!

Other Information:

- **Hitting Home** - Do you remember a BBC film unit following David around during his tour of Death Trap? Well the footage will be used in a forthcoming BBC documentary regarding wife-beating. David has reminded us that it is due to be shown on the BBC within the next few weeks.
- **Milton Keynes visit** - David has confirmed that he will be attending an autograph convention in Milton Keynes on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September but we wouldn't recommend any DSACer goes...before you all look baffled, let me explain why. David's concerned about letting his loyal troops down: the organisers are expecting thousands more people than they did at Birmingham in 99 so the odds of speaking to David more than 10 seconds will be next to nil! You will need to join a queue and pay at least £15 to be able to get to his desk (buying a signed photo being compulsory as there will be no entrance fee). Bearing in mind that there's likely to be a few dozen people behind you at anyone time, the pressure will be on for you to chat as little as possible and move on (remember the revolving door treatment at Virgin Megastore in 99? Well, same thing there). For those of us who enjoyed Peterborough or drinks at local pubs....this will be nothing like it, so beware. Going by past records, all 10 celebrities are whisked off to a private restaurant as soon as the convention is over and 'stars' are usually staying out of town as well-so again, not even a slim chance of catching him at the hotel either. Celebrities will also be 'banned' from approaching people off the convention area because, if they do, they will be usually hassled by the masses for free autographs then-which defies the whole exercise and upsets the organisers, hence top security to prevent this from happening. It's the kind of event that he is certainly not looking forward to (it took him ages to get around to agreeing it), and he would feel he is letting you down if he knows your face but cannot give you much more than what he's allowed to! See?! (usual guilt-trip I guess). So.... You've been warned, as they say. I hope you'll understand and agree that he's being sensible here-he'd rather you spend your time and money on more appropriate events and hopefully there'll be more of these in the near future....so watch this space. PS- at this moment in time, I don't know the exact location of the Milton Keynes convention.
- **Birthday Thanks** - David has asked me to pass on his heartfelt thanks for all the cards and gifts you sent to him. He said again that our support and kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

In friendship