

WHAT MAKES A POP STAR YOUR IDOL?

Why is it some of the pop stars that drive you absolutely wild, leave your friends completely cold? There's obviously a special magic that exists between a star and his fans... a magic that no-one can really explain. But whether you realise it or not, you're probably looking for certain qualities in a performer... and when you've found them, you've found your idol.

For instance, do you like a star who's flamboyant and energetic; who produces both hard-driving sounds and poetic lyrics; who enjoys the glamour of showbiz, but works like the devil behind the scenes?

Then Marc Bolan is your man! Everyone knows that Marc's a real showman on stage and off — just dig that glamorous clobber! — but he's a thoughtful human being with a serious side. As wild as he may act on stage, he's really very tame in his private life... he's a real animal lover and he'd never kill for sport. Last time he counted he had two horses, seven dogs and a fox! What's more, Marc is a vegetarian — "Meat holds you back mentally, so I just eat lighter things."

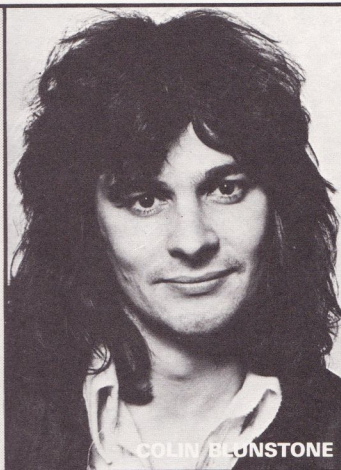
Marc's come a long way from the days when he was practically a busker, doing the odd gig and writing songs in his tiny flat off the Portobello Road. Back then he only had a few guitars, a stack of books and some odd bits of bric-a-brac to his name... now he has three houses and six cars. But, says Marc, "I started out with nothing and I'll probably end up with nothing. I know I'm very, very rich now, but I still work as if I didn't have a penny." He reads every piece of fan mail he receives. "I've cried over fan letters in the past," he says, "and I still do sometimes. You'd think I'd be used to it by now, but I still can't believe it."

Marc counts his mum amongst his best friends... he still turns to her for advice whenever he has a problem. Elton John, Mick Jagger and Rod Stewart are good friends, too... and so is our David. "David Cassidy is very nice — I really dig him. I think he's a lovely guy, one of the best." Well, we always knew Marc had good taste!

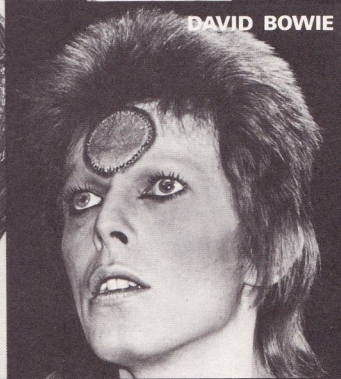
Or do you fancy a mild, easy-going bloke who's always polite and friendly; who looks and acts pretty much like the rest of us; and who makes soft, relaxing sounds...?



MARC BOLAN



COLIN BLUNSTONE



DAVID BOWIE

Then you're a Colin Blunstone fan. Colin is 26 years old and he started out in the pop business way back when he was 14. It was then he joined a band which was to become internationally famous — The Zombies. Colin played with them for six years and when the band split up in 1969, he found he was confused about his goals in life. Thinking he'd had enough of pop, he went to work as a clerk in an insurance office. But in 1970 he re-entered the pop world when he recorded *She's Not There* under the name of Neil MacArthur... and it became a hit. And as they say, he hasn't looked back...

There are other sides to Colin's personality, besides his obvious love of music. At school he enjoyed painting even more than singing. Nowadays he dreams about writing a book about his experiences in the music business. Colin's a lovely sort of bloke... he likes spending quiet evenings with his feet up, watching telly. But he's not so easy-going during that nerve-racking period just after a record has been released. "I'm like a cat on hot bricks, worrying whether people will like it." Calm down, Colin — we always do!

Do you yearn for a guy with a dazzling smile, boyish charm, a great sense of humour, and a keen mind that never rests?

Then it's Donny for you! His smile is such a knock-out that fans have actually written in to ask if his chompers are really his own! But rest assured — every gleaming tooth in Donald Clark Osmond's head is the genuine article.

Despite his very friendly nature, Corky (or Kooky, as his family calls him) is actually a pretty shy fella... he turns as red as a beet whenever his brothers tease him about all his female fans. Donny likes girls who are spontaneous, soft-hearted, and curious about the world around them. That's probably because he's always anxious to learn something new... particularly in the field of electronics. He's quite a boffin when it comes to electrical gadgetry. While he was still very young he amazed his parents by making his own telephone! Now he's wired up his whole bedroom so that he can operate a telephone system, his stereo, his radio and a TV set without even getting out of bed — he simply has to lean over and twiddle the knobs on a