

David costars on *Ruby & the Rockits* with his brother Patrick.



Her sultry *Melrose Place* alter ego "is so fun," says Katie.



**What's the best advice you've passed on to Katie about show business?**

**DAVID:** Do not work for money. Do not work for fame. Work for the work. And if you get a great role and they offer you nothing, take it.

**KATIE:** That's all he's said, and I've taken the advice.

**In *Ruby & the Rockits*, David plays a caricature of himself. How far is that from the truth?**

**DAVID:** (Laughs) Not far!

**KATIE:** No, it is! It's an exaggerated, heightened version.

**DAVID:** It's the first time I ever really laughed at myself.

**Your brother Patrick plays the more straitlaced Rockit.**

**DAVID:** He's totally a jock. He's in the gym 2½ hours a day. I haven't been in 15 years, and I hate it. I used to go six days a week.

**KATIE:** I'll put you in training.

**DAVID:** No, you won't. If Patrick can't get me to do it, you can't get me.

**KATIE:** Come on. Don't be a wimp!

**DAVID:** It hurts. I'd rather play my guitar and be a hippie.

**What's having a teen-idol dad like?**

**KATIE:** Well, every 40-year-old woman is falling at my feet and telling me crazy stories about how they had your haircut.

**DAVID:** I know, I know, the haircut...

**KATIE:** It haunts me, not you!

**DAVID:** She once called and said, "I'm watching *Oprah* with my girlfriends, and one went, 'Your dad's hot!'"

**KATIE:** That's true. I was like, "Excuse me?"

**DAVID:** I love that.

**Your role on *Melrose Place* is pretty steamy, Katie.**

**KATIE:** We don't talk business, so I've never told him this before. In the pilot I make out with a woman.

**DAVID:** I like that. Why not?

**KATIE:** I had to sit in casting to pick the girl I was going to be making out with. It was so bizarre.

**DAVID:** Did you kiss them all?

**KATIE:** No, but some of them were trying to hit on me, like, "I've kissed a girl before." I was like, "Okay, you're

not getting the job."

**Katie, you were raised by your mom, Sherry, and physician stepdad Richard Benedon. Did you always feel you and your dad would stay close?**

**KATIE:** To be able to go to someone I'm genetically linked to, tell them anything and know that they're not going to judge me—it's unbelievable.

**DAVID:** Because I didn't raise her, I didn't have to parent her. I'm always here and totally nonjudgmental.

**KATIE:** It's nice when your dad can be your friend. ●

“A normal father and daughter is what? There is no such thing” —DAVID CASSIDY

Growing up, says Katie, when people learned who her dad was, "they freaked out—and freaked me out."

