

become a prisoner of his own success.

"I'd devoted literally all hours of the day, seven days a week to nothing more than the business of David Cassidy, and I really needed to get on with my life and do something else – although I didn't know exactly what at that time."

For a long while afterwards, David concentrated on acting. He starred in the American TV film *A Chance To Live* and series *Police Story* – the latter earning him an Emmy nomination. He played the title role in the original Broadway production of *Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and in the London productions of *Time* and *Blood Brothers*. In 1996, David moved to Las Vegas where he has since worked on the hit shows *EFX*, *The Rat Pack Is Back!* and *At The Copa*, which have led him to success as a writer and producer as well as performer.

Only in recent years has David started performing regular pop concerts again – initially in his native United States. Then, last November, he tested the water again here in the UK, and his return was rapturously received, hence this new tour. Although David clearly still has a strong following, he's unlikely ever again to generate the mass hysteria which arose everywhere he went in the early 70s. But he insists he has never regretted "retiring" as a pop superstar when he did.

"No. The reason I have a career and the happy life that I have today is because I walked away

from it at the top when I was playing stadiums. There was nothing more I could do in that experience. I've since been able to have two or three careers.

"Now, thirty years on, I'm probably more happy and successful than I've ever been. My pop career has not been the sole reason for my existence in the entertainment business, but it's so much more rewarding for me now.

"I'm not sick of playing my songs. It's been like opening up a chest and finding these great jewels, some of which I hadn't performed for twenty-five years."

In the intervening time, David has also married – sorry ladies! Just to make you feel even more envious, here's how he met songwriter Sue Shifrin.

"Sue was signed to the same label as me, and one of the executives from the label brought her to a party. About half an hour into the party, I realised that this person was somebody that I really wanted to spend time with alone. There were quite a few people there and I said, 'You know what, guys, I hate to be rude but Sue and I are going to go and sit and write a song together.' And the rest is history."

Despite long being able to date virtually any girl he fancied, David says he had no problem settling down with one.

"It wasn't difficult. In Sue, I met someone I

connected with and found I wanted to share a real intimacy and bond with."

**D**AVID and Sue live in a six-bedroom mansion in Las Vegas, with their 11-year old son Beau.

"I'm having the best time of my life," he says with a smile. "I'd like to go back and work in the theatre again, and I may do another television series. I want to be able to work, but I also want to have a balance so that I can stay involved in my family and my son's life."

In the UK at least, it's likely that no matter what David Cassidy does with his future career he will always be best remembered as *the* 70s teen idol.

"At times it becomes almost an albatross around your

neck, because you're constantly battling people's perception, particularly in the media that continue to refer to me as David 'former teen heart-throb' Cassidy.

"I'm proud of everything I accomplished, but I'm



proud to have gone on to have so many other successful ventures in my life, and I'm happy to be doing what I'm doing today."

Finally, David, a message for your British fans? "I think I love you!" he exclaims. Cue the screams! ■

\* David is appearing in concert in Britain from April 12-28. ☎ 0871 220 1080 or visit his website at [www.davidcassidy.com](http://www.davidcassidy.com) for details

## We Still Love David

“As a teenager I knew that every song David Cassidy sang and every sparkling smile was for me and me alone.

"My friend and fellow fan had been to see his show in Vegas but I preferred to remember him as that gorgeous guy, in cheesecloth and faded blue jeans, of my dreams.

"Recently, I was persuaded to revisit my youth and see David in concert again and, although doubtful at first, I was soon singing along, all the lyrics and memories flooding back. In fact, if I was honest, I would have to say that his voice is even better now than it was then and he looked every bit as good as I remembered.

"David's surprise return to touring brought with it the discovery that when he sang *Could It Be Forever?* for me, and for thousands of other fans in that concert hall, our love affair with him most certainly was forever!"

**Fiona Brown**

“When I heard that David Cassidy was coming to Scotland last November to perform live, I very nearly didn't go. How could reality live up to my teen fantasies? I was no longer a screaming 13-year-old, after all.

"So why was I first in the queue for tickets for his forthcoming April 27 performance at Clydebank Auditorium? Because the autumn concert was brilliant! From the moment he stepped on stage, still small, slight and boyish, I was captivated by his voice, his smile and his immediate rapport with an audience who hadn't forgotten how to scream!

"Could it be his songs, his good looks, his rapport with his fans . . . I really can't attribute David's enduring appeal for me to any one factor. I suppose I'm just still a teenager at heart."

**Karen Byrom**



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