

Secret plans to save Davy's skin

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TEENY-BOPPERS hoping to catch a close-up of superstar David Cassidy next month won't come within shirt-ripping distance of their 23-year-old idol.

From the moment he lands at Auckland Airport, he'll be shrouded in the darkest cloak of secrecy ever wrapped around an overseas singer.

Even his New Zealand promoter, Harry M. Miller Attractions, don't know when he's landing. They can't say where he's staying — although they're looking at several alternatives — and they're not sure exactly when he'll leave for Australia.

Shuns

Cassidy, here for a one-night stand at Eden Park on February 26, is probably the world's most security-conscious showman.

In Britain he shuns hotels for a houseboat on the Thames, and when that gets too hot he retreats to a castle surrounded by a moat.

He uses private jets and helicopters like others use buses, and saves his public appearances strictly for the stage.

Miller executive Simon Dickey says ever since Cassidy's coming was announced he's been swamped with calls from frantic fans trying to trace the star's movements. But he's not letting on.

