



DAVID CASSIDY'S PRIVATE MAILBOX

HELLO THERE! And here we are again—back together in 16-land! I've decided that you 16 regulars just have to be some of the grooviest people in the whole wide world! Your letters, cards and gifts are all so thoughtful and so voluminous (guess what?—one week I got 5199 letters!!). I sincerely wish that I could send a personal, handwritten letter to each and every one of you! But we all know that if I stopped to do all that, I wouldn't have time to do all the other things which make "David Cassidy and The Partridge Family" possible. I mean, I wouldn't have time to be on the show, make the records and do public appearances if I answered every single letter I got! Which leads us up to 16 Magazine and David Cassidy's Private Mailbox.

At least, here you know two things—one, that I will **PERSONALLY** get your letter; and two, that one day, one way (sooner or later) you will get an answer from me right here in the pages of 16. So hang in there, be patient and understanding—and meet me here each month to look for my personal answer to your letter to me. Meanwhile, I invite you to share some of the letters and answers that I've picked to feature this month.

Dear David

I wish I could interview you. If I could, I'd ask you: If we had met only once and I was a fan getting an autograph, and we talked and you liked me, would you take me out?

What do you like most about yourself?

Which do you like most—singing or acting?

Paula Grove

Columbus, Ohio

• Dear Paula,

Thanks for your most interesting letter. Here are my answers in sequence: If I'd met you and known you only for a few seconds, and really felt that we "communicated" with each other, I most certainly would ask you out.

There's no one thing I like most about myself, any more than there's one thing I like least. I wish I could be more specific, but maybe it'll help to say that I like the good fortune that has brought me to the level that I'm now at in my acting and singing career—and I hope it continues!

It's hard to say which I like most—singing or acting. Truthfully, I would like to one day become a meaningful