



DONNY & DAVID MEET!

WHEN, WHERE, WHAT HAPPENED?!

AT EXACTLY 6000 West Sunset Boulevard, in a magical place called Hollywood, California, there stands a smallish brick and concrete one-story building. Normally, you'd drive or walk right by and not give that place a second glance. But if you're a David Cassidy or Donny Osmond luvver and you saw the Western Recording Studios sign outside the door of that building, you'd stop dead in your tracks and probably do your very best to get into the place!

DAVID MEETS THE OSMONDS

If you'd been in the neighborhood of Western Studios on the night of Friday, May 12th, and had been lucky enough to get inside and hang around for a while, it's very likely that you would have witnessed one of the most spectacularly historical meetings since the Monkees met the Beatles! For in that very place on that very night, David Bruce Cassidy not only met Donald Clark Osmond—he also met Donny's groovy brothers Jimmy, Jay, Merrill, Wayne, Alan and lovely sister Marie. Plus which David also met Donny's mother, Olive Osmond, and Donny's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Vera Davis. On the night of the big event, the Osmonds were in Western Recording Studios doing voices that would later be dubbed into their upcoming ABC-TV Saturday morning animated cartoon series. Meanwhile, a short way down the hall, David—along with his record producer, Wes Farrell—was putting the final touches on his new David Cassidy Bell Records LP. It just happened that one of the ABC-TV executives was with the Osmonds that night and when this nice gentleman went out to the water cooler, he just happened to bump into David. The first thing that popped into his mind was to introduce the Osmond clan to Mr. Cassidy.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!

Naturally, when he asked David if he would like to meet the Osmonds, David said, "Of course I would like to meet the Osmonds. Just bring them down to Studio A whenever you can."

Within a matter of minutes, some of the Osmonds—who were taking a break from recording—were ushered into David's studio.

David immediately recognized Merrill and, walking over and offering his hand, he said, "Hi, Merrill. How are you?"

"I'm great, David. How are you?" Merrill replied, smiling and shaking David's hand.

Then David greeted each of the other Osmond boys—Alan, Wayne and Jay—and shook each of their hands. When he came to Donny, David paused for just a second, broke into a great big grin, and then shook Donny's hand warmly—very warmly.

"Gee, I'm glad I'm finally getting to meet you," Donny said to David.

"Yeah, man, I feel exactly the same way myself," David replied, and went on to say that late in April he had been in Hawaii on the last day the Osmonds were there. "I was staying at a friend's house on another part of the island," he explained. "I really wanted to catch your concert, but I'm afraid I missed it." He added, "I'll bet you guys were recognized by lots of fans in Hawaii!"

CASUAL CONVERSATION

Next, the conversation turned to clothes. Alan really dug David's jeans, which were covered with patches and various designs. David, grinning proudly, responded to Alan's compliments by saying, "You know, I didn't buy them like this! A friend of mine sewed each and every design on for me!"

Looking around, David said, "I understand your little brother Jimmy is here."

"Yeah—he's still in the other studio, rehearsing. I'll go get him," replied Jay.

"Well, I just want to congratulate him on his hit record," David said—meaning Jimmy's MGM single, Long-Haired Lover From Liverpool.

But before anyone could go any place, the door to the studio suddenly swung open and Jimmy, Marie, Mrs. Osmond and Mrs. Davis stood in the entrance. They didn't want to miss a chance to meet David Cassidy! Of all things, Jimmy was wearing a football helmet and carrying a football! Both had been given to him a few days before by some fans. Jimmy threw the ball to David—and David caught it! That was the littlest Osmond's way of meeting Mr. Cassidy!

MARIE MEETS DAVID

Donny, gentleman that he always is, took Marie's hand and gently led her towards David, whom she had admired from afar for a long time. Imagine her thrill as Donny said to David, "This is our sister, Marie."—and David said, looking deeply into her dark eyes, "So this is the prettiest Osmond! Hi, Marie!"

Mrs. Osmond and Mrs. Davis were next to meet David, as Donny introduced them. All the Osmonds and David chatted and talked happily until Wes motioned to David that it was time for him to return to his recording.

The Osmonds—in turn—said earnestly to David, "Gee, we've all got to get together soon!" And David wholeheartedly agreed.

In fact, when the Osmonds resumed taping their voices down the hall, David went and peeked into the control room to watch and listen to his new-found friends for a few minutes. And he was very impressed. David then left, waving to the Osmonds and saying, "Yep, we've really got to get together again—soon!"