

David Cassidy Show Like a First Love Affair

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David Cassidy is a showman who knows exactly how to please his audience. A fact he proved Saturday night at the Salt Palace Arena.

Starting the show were Kim and Dave, two beautiful people who sang beautiful songs and attempted to warm up the Salt Lake audience of 10 to 15-year-olds and moms and dads. Next came Brooke Honeycut with hair to her hips, a good voice and a happy smile. She succeeded in getting more response from the audience which was there for David Cassidy and no one else.

Singing "United We Stand," with Eathan, one of the piano players, the duo woke up the audience and made them listen.

After a 10-minute intermission David Cassidy bounced

on stage dodging love tokens and amidst flashing cameras. His crowd screamed and cried with every movement of his 5'8" body.

Then David sang, "I'll Meet You Half Way," "Doesn't Somebody Want to Be Wanted," and many others from his two albums. He also sprinkled his audience with Chicago and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. Although fair attempts, these productions came nowhere near the original artists. His songs were totally his and the audience responded to them with all the love and intensity of any first love affair.

With "I Think I Love You," their idol left the stage and the audience just sat there, no applause, no screams, no reaction. Either they were stunned into nothingness or they didn't know how to bring their star back for an encore.

But to liven up the end

Brooke threw the towel and cups David had used during the show into the audience.

The victorious towel holder just sighed and maintained that she and her girlfriend

were going "To kiss it forever."

David Cassidy made his audience happy and that's what counted Saturday night at the Salt Palace Arena.