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PINKFLOYDZ.COM: AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVE KILMINSTER

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Roger Waters - Tour 2006 - Dave Kilminster Interview

Receiving rave reviews wherever he plays, Dave Kilminster is adding a new dimension to the Roger Waters tour. A Fleeting Glimpse's staff reporter Robyn Iverson just caught up with Dave, and has filed this exclusive interview.

AFG: Before we start, I would like to thank you. I know that you must be quite busy, and I hope you don't mind if I ask a few questions about you and your musical career.

DK: No problem at all!!!

AFG: You are currently on the European leg of the Roger Waters tour. Is there one particular song that you enjoy playing the most during the show?

DK: Most of them are great fun to play... Shine On..., Another Brick II, Time... Leaving Beirut is fun because I get to play bass!!! But at the moment I'm particularly enjoying 'Have a Cigar'... Probably because I get to play a long solo at the end!!!

AFG: When you first picked up a guitar, did you immediately realize that it was meant for you? Did you see a Career Rock Star right off the bat?

DK: Not really... I always thought I should be a musician, but not necessarily a guitarist... I actually come from a long line of piano players!!!

AFG: Who are your biggest musical influences?

DK: Pretty much anyone I listen to nowadays becomes an influence... I absorb like a sponge!! But early on it was people like Keith Emerson, Van Halen, Queen, and whoever they used to play on Radio 1 back then... Oh, and my Mums rather small record collection, which included The Carpenters, The Beatles (Revolver), and Frank Ifield!!!!!!

AFG: Was there an album or song that inspired you the most to become a professional musician yourself?

DK: Not really... But there are pieces of music that I heard so much when I was younger that I feel have almost become part of my DNA!!! Some early ELP stuff... Karnevil... the solo in 'Lucky Man'... Welcome Back My Friends (the triple live album)... Van Halen 1 (especially 'Eruption')... some Led Zeppelin stuff... 'Procession' by Brian May (at the beginning of Queen II)... in fact all of Queen II... and also 'A Night at the Opera'. 'Grace' by Jeff Buckley... Barbers Adagio... all kinds of things!!

AFG: What was the most memorable concert you attended as a fan?

DK: Probably the first rock concert I ever went too!!! It was a band called Lone Star... I can't remember what they were like, but it was just the most incredible thing I'd ever experienced!!! I also saw Rush on their 'Farewell To Kings' tour, which was totally mind-blowing...

AFG: If you consider all of the musical legends that have passed (Hendrix, SRV, Freddie Mercury, Lennon, Bon Scott, Keith Moon, Phil Lynott, etc), whom would you have wished for an opportunity to meet/perform with?

DK: Jeff Buckley... without a doubt. The best male vocalist EVER in my opinion... and a great guitarist too!!!

AFG: If you had to choose one important thing you've learned from Keith Emerson, what would that be?

DK: Get a good manager!!!! No, I'm kidding... One of the things I love about Keith is that he is totally fearless when improvising. He doesn't hold back or play it safe... ever!!!! It's the only way to achieve those little magic moments that happen when you're on stage...

AFG: Lastly, this tour is scheduled to run throughout the rest of 2006. Any major plans for next year?

DK: I'm not done with planning for this year yet!!! I'm hoping to finish my solo album 'Scarlet' in the break between the European and American tours, and to tour with that in November... I just love being on the road!!!!

AFG: Thank you once again. We'll be seeing you in NJ* to kick-off the US tour.

DK: I really can't wait!!!

AFG: Keep rockin'

DK: You too my friend.

Many thanks to Dave for taking the time. Special thanks to staff reporter Robyn Iverson, who hails from NJ* (Hence the interest in that gig!)

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