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new album

Brilliant end to a fabulous year

BRIGHT LIGHTS

A dazzling start to 81

NEW COMPETITION

HERE'S A SUPER NEW COMPETITION TO START OFF 1981. YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE NOTICED THAT THE PICTURES ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE THE SAME—WELL THEY ARE, NEARLY. IN FACT THERE ARE TEN DIFFERENCES—TRY AND FIND THEM.

Happy New Year to all our fans!



First of all the band and everyone here would like to give a resounding 'thank you' to all Showaddywaddy fans. We've had an amazing Christmas.

December was a fantastic end to a terrific year for Showaddywaddy. 1980 has seen the 'Greatest Rock'n'Roll Show Ever' all over the world. From Hungary and South Africa to the little town of St. Austell in Cornwall. It's nearly impossible to calculate just how many people have actually seen the show, but where ever they've been Showaddywaddy have had their fans, young and old, literally standing in the aisles.

December saw the completion of Showaddywaddy's Super Tour '80 and

the success of their latest hit single 'Blue Moon' and brand new album 'Bright Lights' (which features their hit singles 'Why Do Lovers Break Each Other's Hearts', 'Always and Ever' and 'Blue Moon').

On 21st December, ITV screened this year's Royal Variety Performance from the National Theatre in front of Princess Margaret, with Showaddywaddy high on the bill, on 22nd December the band appeared on BBC's Cheggars Plays Pop and finally to crown it all, they had their

very own TV special on BBC2 on 30th December!

If 1981 can live up to 1980 it's going to be some year!

Thanks again from everyone here for all your support — Oh, and if you haven't heard 'Bright Lights' yet — don't wait a minute longer — it's a sensational album.

Sheila.

Malcolm & Romeo Showaddywaddys drummers talk about themselves.



Romeo Challenger is the band's main drummer. He's a good drummer by any standards as shown by his solo during the stage show which is crisp, technically excellent and even humorous.

'Originally I used to be a guitarist' says Romeo. 'But I just couldn't play it so I took up the next best thing and what I thought was the easiest thing. I started playing when I was 13 and took a lot of lessons which have been very useful. The first band I played with was called "Black Widow". We were based in London, but when that band folded I returned to Leicester and replied to an advert for a drummer in the local paper. The band was "Choice", one of the two bands that eventually joined together to become Showaddywaddy'.

Like most of the band, Romeo has a wide taste in music including Led Zepplin, Herbie Mann and amongst the newer bands the "Specials". 'I like the "Specials" probably because the ska era was really my era. I'm not old enough to have been a real Teddy Boy and although I like the music there's something special about the music of your teens. Showaddywaddy seem to remain constantly successful, for that I am very grateful.'

Romeo



Malcolm Allured, alias The Duke, one of the band's drummers, occasional singer and premier dancer, has the onstage persona of a troublemaker. He's the one who feigns punches and kicks at

the rest of the band during the choreographed set-pieces. The Duke had his first drum kit at 10 years old and at 14 went to a dance hall in Leicester called the Trocadero - immortalised in Showaddywaddy's song of the same name, 'and from that moment on' he says, 'I knew I just had to play drums'.

The Duke spent some time in the Merchant Navy, and during the mid-sixties teamed with Buddy Gask to play with a band which toured Europe playing the Night clubs and American bases.

He helped form the "Golden Hammers" from which Showaddywaddy eventually evolved. 'I love rock'n'roll, it's my job and it's what I do best. Many bands have come and gone over the last eight years and I'm pleased we're still here and doing well. But then, like the Drifters, I think there will always be a Showaddywaddy'.

The Duke

HOW, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY????

Q WHEN DO I SEND FOR MY NEWSLETTER?

A NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT OUT IN APRIL, AUGUST & DECEMBER. MEMBERS SHOULD SEND A STAMPED S.A.E. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH NEWSLETTER MONTH.

Q WAS RUSS BORN IN THE ENGLISH OR SCOTTISH PART OF BERWICK?

A THE WHOLE OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED IS SITED IN ENGLAND SO I'M AFRAID OUR SCOTTISH FANS CANNOT LAY CLAIM TO HIM - HE'S ALL ENGLISH.

Q WHO ARE THE CHILDREN SINGING ON SHOWADDYWADDY'S HEY MISTER CHRISTMAS?

A THE HARPENDEN GIRLS CHOIR - LUCKY GIRLS!

Spot the difference

Send your answers to: New Year Competition, Showaddywaddy Fan Club, Cavendish House 39 Beach Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear. All entries will each receive one of the shirts actually worn on stage by Russ Field during the Showaddywaddy 1980 Super Tour.

STAR LETTER

Dear Sheila,

I am writing to tell you about my best birthday present ever.

My birthday is on the 5th December, and as a keen Showaddywaddy fan I was thrilled to hear they'd be playing in Leicester on my birthday. But when Dad tried to get tickets, the concert was completely sold out, and I was very disappointed.

On the 5th I came home from school to a great surprise - Dad had managed to get tickets after all!

It was a really great night out, and I will always remember it as my best birthday present ever.

Tracey
14 years.



COMPETITION WINNERS. The eight winners of four Summer competitions were: ELAINE NOONAN, MERSEYSIDE. ROGER WEBB, W.YORKS. ZOE DANN, SUFFOLK. DORTHE OSTER, DENMARK. MISS T. SLADE, HULL. JULIE DEACON, ESSEX. SHARON KENNEDY, HANTS. JULIE ALISON MARCVAN, WESSEX.
THE ANSWERS WERE: 1. Romeo & Malcolm are both drummers. Rod, Al, Trav & Russ are all guitarists. Buddy and Dave are both singers. 2. Four members of Showaddywaddy have blue eyes - all the rest have brown.

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