



DEPECHE MODE

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Welcome once again to the latest edition of the Depeche Mode News letter.

Firstly we must apologise for the late arrival of the letter, but due to difficulties obtaining information, there has been a slight delay.

Anyway it appears that we made a couple of errors in the last news letter which Andy Fletcher and several observant fans told us about.

1. We did not include the L.P. "Construction Time Again."

STUMM 13

'Construction Time Again' Available as LP and Cassette
Released September 1983

Reached Number 6 in chart

Track Listing: 'Love In Itself' 'More Than A Party' 'Pipeline'
'Everything Counts' 'Two Minute Warning' 'Shame'
'The Landscape is Changing' 'Told You So' 'And Then..'

2. It also appear there was a song titled "Substitute" on "Speak & Spell" L.P. This was a typing error and actually meant that the song "Dreaming of me" was substituted for "Sometimes I wish I was Dead."

We hope we didn't cause too much confusion.

Anyway, here is the Depeche Mode story so far (Part 1):-

Depeche Mode have been one of the most constantly successful new British pop acts of the Eighties. All of their single releases in the last five years have been British chart hits, developing into major successes in many countries around the world, and their six L.Ps; 'Speak and Spell', 'A Broken Frame', 'Construction Time Again', 'Some Great Reward', 'The Singles 81-85' and 'Black Celebration' have all been top ten best sellers.

The four members of Depeche Mode are Dave Gahan, Martin Gore, Andy Fletcher and Alan Wilder.

Since the release of their first single 'Dreaming of Me', Depeche Mode have grown and developed and, as a Record Mirror writer pointed out on the release of their third LP, "After two and half years of producing electronic pop songs which sound as good on headphones as they feel on the dance floor, the unbelievers must realise that this is one band who won't be disappearing in a puff of fashionable smoke."

Depeche mode are triple-talented - they make excellent records, they have a great live show combining impressive lighting and visuals with stunning sound, and they write brilliant hit songs, most coming from the prolific pen of Martin Gore.

The Depeche Mode story began in Basildon, Essex, where the members attended different schools. Originally a threesome: Andy and Martin plus Vince Clarke, they featured two guitars and a synthesizer. Then David Gahan joined as singer. They discovered a new name while flicking through a French clothing magazine - 'Depeche Mode' (Fast Fashion), it sounded good, only now the guitars and single synthesizer didn't. So they ditched the strings and all three instrumentalists began playing synths.



Their demo tapes stirred little or no interest with the big London record companies, but while supporting Fad Gadget at the Bridgehouse in Canning Town they met Daniel Miller, founder of Mute Records. He was impressed from the first song, signed them and issued the debut single, "Dreaming of Me."

M A R T I N

NAME: Martin Lee Gore
D.O.B. 23-7-61
BORN WHERE: London
HAIR COLOUR: Fair
EYE COLOUR: Green
SHOE SIZE: Approx 7
COLLAR SIZE: No idea
HEIGHT: Approx 5ft 7inches
WEIGHT: Approx 10 stone
BROTHERS NAME + AGE: -----
SISTERS NAMES + AGES: Jackie - 18, Karen - 17
PARENTS NAME: Dave and Pam
WHERE DO YOU LIVE: London
TYPE OF ACCOMODATION: Flat
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Don't watch much television
FAVOURITE T.V. CHARACTER: Same applies
FAVOURITE FILM: Blade Runner, All Quiet On The Western Front
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Haven't got one
FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Haven't got one
FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager, Whiskey
CAR: Don't like cars much
NEWSPAPER: None in particular
FAVOURITE COUNTRY: Germany/Berlin, Japan
HOBBIES: Video Games, most sprots, listening to music, reading
FAVOURITE AFTERSHAVE: Kouros, KL (perfume)
FAVOURITE RECORDING ARTIST: Jonathan Richman, Sparks, DAF
FAVOURITE OWN SONG: Lie to me, Shake the disease
WHERE DO YOU BUY CLOTHES: Kings Road
FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: Leather jacket
MOST HATED PLACE: New York, Hong Kong

C O M P E T I O N A N S W E R S

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION, WE WERE OVERWHELMED WITH THE RESPONSE.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. THE VENUE WHICH DEPECHE MODE HAVE NEVER PLAYED IS THE DOMINION.

2. THE RECORD COMPANIES ARE IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:-

SIRE	-	U.S.A.
VOGUE	-	FRANCE
INTERCORD	-	GERMANY
MUTE	-	GREAT BRITAIN

THE WINNING ENTRY WAS DRAWN LAST WEEK, AND THE WINNER WAS VICKY TWYXCROSS FROM LEEDS. SHE WILL BE RECEIVING SEVERAL ALBUMS, VIDEO , T.SHIRTS AND PHOTOS OF DEPECHE MODE. DUE TO THE LARGE RESPONSE WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE A CONSOLATION PRIZE TO THE SECOND ENTRY DRAWN, SO KAREN HUBER IN WEST GERMANY WILL ALSO RECEIVE SOME PRIZES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ENTERING, BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!!!!

C O M P E T I T I O N

For all the fans who have attended any of the Depeche Mode concerts.

All you have to do is write approximately 350 words, as a review of one of the shows you went to. I.E. Describing the sound, lighting, atmosphere, and performance of the band etc.

The winning entry will be printed in the next news letter and will receive an assortment of the current tour merchandise.

All entries to reach us by 20th May 1986.



MISCELLANEOUS

****NEW RELEASE****

Released 14th April -

7" A.Side "A Question of Lust"

B.Side "Christmas Island"

12" A.Side "A Question Of Lust"

(Extended version)"Christmas Island"

B.Side "People Are People" Live

"It Doesn't Matter Two" (Instrumental)

"A Question Of Lust" (Minimal)

T.V. Shows pending.

15th May Bremen - performing "A Question Of Lust"

Tour dates.

After the European tour finishes on the 25th May, Depeche Mode will be in the U.S.A from May 28th - July 17th.

They will then be in Japan for 2 weeks, then back to Europe from August 2nd - August 17th.

Next News Letter.

The next news letter concludes the band profiles with details on Andy Fletcher. Part two of the Depeche Mode story will be included, plus the winning concert review and of course, current news items.