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All dates in this issue are correct at time of going to press. Hi there!

Well I hope you're all feeling in a super Christmas mood right now. After bringing you nine issues of Mickie, packed with lots of fabulous hit lyrics, I know that all the Mickie gang are really looking forward to their well-earned rest over the festive season. Mickie Bear is already dreaming about all that lovely Xmas pud he'll be tucking into. But don't worry, we'll soon have those extra inches trimmed off the greedy beast, because we'll be leaping into action once again in the New Year, to be the first to bring you the words of lots more super sounds — in fact, we'll be doing a lot of solid bopping right through 1973, so stay with us, we've got lots of exciting things planned!

But getting back to this issue, there's lots of exciting things happening here too. For instance, David Cassidy personally sent us a special Christmas message that he'd like us all to pass on to you.

Then we've got features on top stars David Bowie, Elton John and Blackfoot Sue — we're sure that there'll be lots of super happenings for them next year — reviews of the latest LPs by Donny Osmond and Michael Jackson, lots of pop news and tour dates and the results of the New Seeker Lucky Dip! And, probably the best news of all, is that, from this issue on, we'll be bringing you hit lyrics to even more of your favourite songs! Thought that would please you!

Now, turn to our back cover and carefully study the rather unusual photo there. Take a close look, now, because it happens to be fun photo of one of your favourite superguys. No prizes for guessing who it is, but we'll let you in on the secret in our next issue. Nothing like keeping you all in suspense is there?

Well, I suppose that really wraps up 1972 as far as Mickie is concerned. Millions of thanks to all of you who sent us Christmas cards. All that's really left to say is that we hope you have a fabulous fun-filled Christmas, try not to eat too much and see you all next year — in two weeks' time, to be exact!

Happy Yuletide Happenings!

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London Weekend Television have bought a further thirteen episodes of the show and will be screening the new series directly after the present one finishes - so that means 1973 will certainly be a big year for the Partridges! . . . Recent plans by DAVID CASSIDY and SAM HYMEN to do some Christmas shopping in London, have now been changed — they're going to Hawaii instead! . . . Next single from SWEET, which is due to be released in early January, is definitely their best yet - it's called Blockbuster and it's just gotta reach the Number One spot! . . . MOODY BLUES at last achieving the success they deserve in the singles' chart with Nights In White Satin. . . . It was about ten years ago this week that CHRIS MONTEZ reached No. 2 in the charts with Let's Dance - certainly a solid gold classic. . . NEW SEEKERS have just recorded two songs that were written by the OSMONDS. . . . Words of SUNDOWN PLAYBOYS single Saturday Nite Special printed in French on the cover of the single. . . . DUSTY SPRINGFIELD received a fabulous reception from the audience when she opened at London's Talk Of The Town recently. . . . VINEGAR JOE's Elkie Brooks was mugged and robbed by attackers near her London home recently . . . new face SIMON TURNER could certainly find a firm foothold in 1973. . . . Chart-topper CHUCK BERRY will be touring here in January. . . . DAVID CASSIDY concerts here in March completely sold out! . . . STONE THE CROWS singer MAGGIE BELL was voted Number One Female Singer recently. SUPREMES & FOUR TOPS' Reach Out And Touch was previously a hit here for DIANA ROSS. . . . And talking of Miss Ross, it seems that turning to films was a worthwhile venture for her — she's getting rave reviews in America for her first film Lady Sings The Blues. . . . The flip side of JIMMY OSMOND's Long-haired Lover From Liverpool was a Number One hit here for NEIL REID last year. . . . Next DONNY OSMOND single which is due for release is called April Love — it's bound to be another smash! . . . MARC BOLAN tells us that he's really excited about touring here again! . . . DAVID BOWIE flying in from the States any day now to do some gigs here - details in our On The Road spot. . . . Must say we think TERRY DACTYL's latest single is much better than Seaside Shuffle. . . . Wonder if anyone can guess who's singing lead vocals on CHAPEL's Lord I Want To Know — no use asking us, 'cos we've been sworn to secrecy! . . . Apart from WINGS' Hi Hi, there're quite a few other singles that could do with being banned by the BBC! . . . Our Strong Rumours Dept. tells us that both the OSMOND's and the JACKSON FIVE are considering making films next year! . . . If you're wondering who was the girl being embraced by DAVID CASSIDY on his recent Top Of The Pops film, well it was a girl called Laura who was, in fact, David's girlfriend some years back and has now become very friendly with David and the gang on the Partridge film set! . . . Well, that's all the news for now folks. . . . See you all next year - in two weeks' time, of course.

WE KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS!

David's Special Christmas Message

Hi there!

It really is great to have the chance to talk to you all personally. Trisha told me that a lot of you were hoping to see me when I intended to make a special Christmas shopping trip to London with Sam. Well, unfortunately some last minute changes had to be made and now Sam and I will be going to Hawaii instead.

I'm really looking forward to Christmas. I suppose I'll just be looning around with my friends, but mainly I'm looking forward to having a good rest before I come over to London in March for my concerts.

I'm not planning to do any more shows in the States before I leave for London, because I want to really work hard at rehearsing for the British tour. It's gonna be different to anything I've done in the States. Of course, I'll be singing all my hit tunes, but I'll also be including some new material that hasn't been released in England yet. I'm

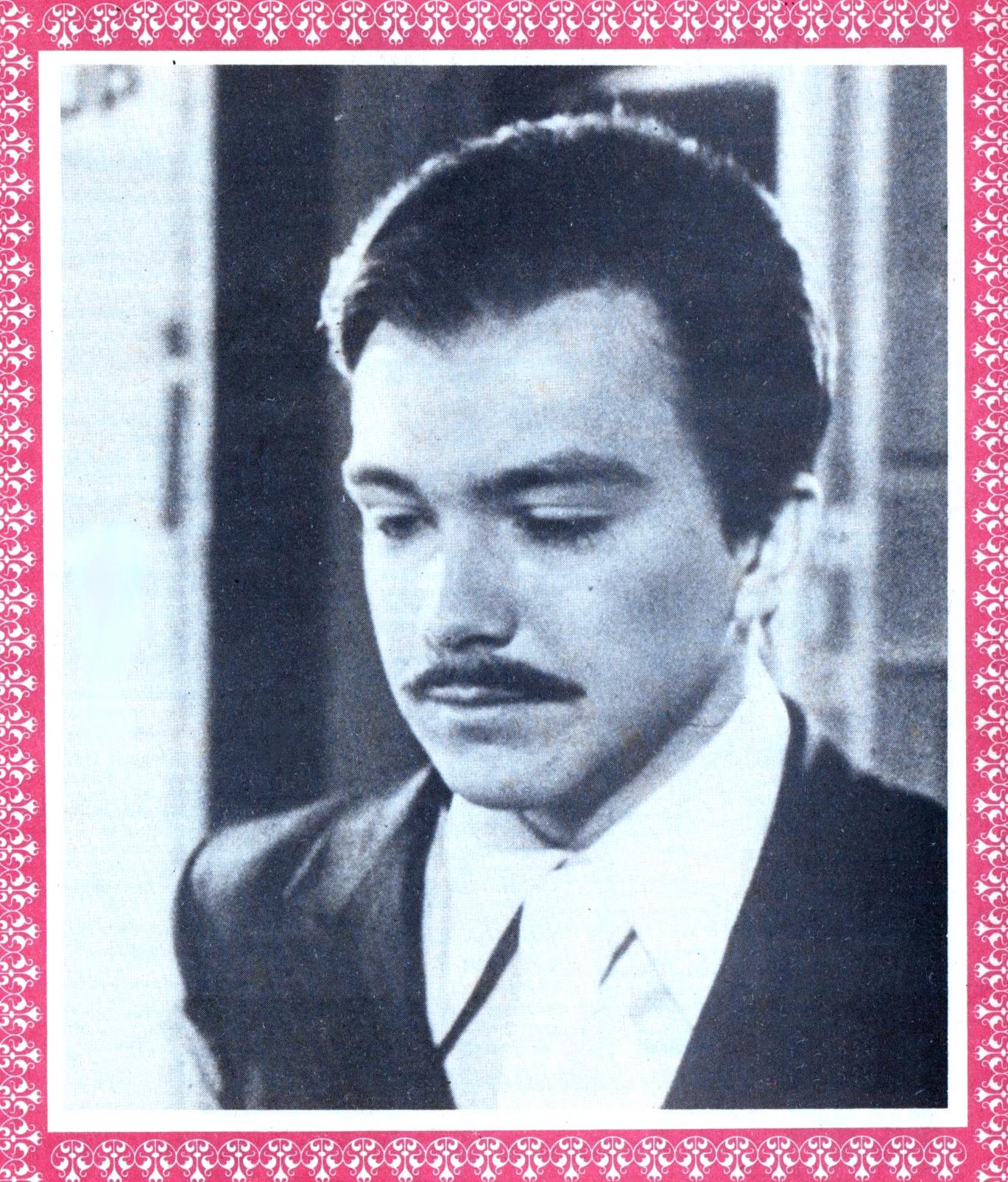
really looking forward to singing Breaking Up Is Hard To Do on stage, because I've got a special kind of arrangement for that song which I hope you're all going to like.

Anyway, getting back to Christmas, I hope you all have a really super time and thoroughly enjoy the holiday. And don't forget to start practising your screaming, because when I'm out there on stage at Wembley and Manchester, I wanna hear from everyone of you!

Love and kisses till I see you all in March!







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