

Triumph for David Cassidy in Italy:

His “Kiss” was a hit!

Back on stage after eight years: David and his “The Last Kiss” were a huge success.

Fans reach out to him: Just like in the old days, David was mobbed in the hall and asked for autographs.

David Cassidy hadn't expected so much hype and excitement when he returned to the spotlight! It was like old times. Uniformed Carabinieri had to hold back hundreds of fans and hoist him over their heads to the stage entrance. Thousands of hands tugged at his clothes.

Autograph hunters gathered at airports and in front of hotels. They even invaded the hotel lobby and begged him for his autograph wherever he appeared.

At this year's Azzuro television festival in Bari (Italy) on April 26 and 27, the former world star made a comeback at the ripe old age of 35. In front of about 3,000 Italian fans, he passed his second trial by fire with flying colors.

It was David's first live performance in eight years, but he showed neither nervousness nor stage fright. He effortlessly proved what an old pro he is and cleaned up as if he had never been away—despite strong competition from popular acts such as Dead or Alive, Howard Jones, Matt Bianco, and the Village People.

The old magic of his personality and charisma was immediately apparent and automatically transferred to the fans in the hall when he moaned his hit “The Last Kiss” into the microphone, just like he once did with “Rock Me Baby.”