

KIM'S LETTER

Hi everyone

As I write this I am in Budapest, Hungary (for the first time ever) doing promotion for "The Singles Collection", as I have for most of this year. Last night I was serenaded with traditional gypsey music and ate a typical Hungarian meal of goulash soup and paprika chicken... very delicious. Tomorrow I'm off to Prague in the Czech Rupublic where I have also never been before.

This really has been a wonderful year. "If I Can't Have You" has been such fun to promote, and its success has taken me all over the world. Last month I was in Brisbane, Australia where I was involved in their Music Awards. While I was there "If I Can't Have You" went platinum and they're expecting the album to do the same. This seems even more possible as I'll be touring there from mid February for the first time ever. I'm also doing dates in Japan as well as Europe, so hopefully I'll see some of you then. Brisbane's Gold Coast is truly magnificent, with endless beaches and fantastic weather, I can't wait to go back. I also spent a lot of time in Japan this year and even experienced an earthquake whilst in Tokyo! This was a strong tremor that moved my hotel room from side to side in slow motion. It was one of the most frightening moments of my life, but there was no damage done and the Japanese are quite used to them. Pathetically I didn't sleep for two nights after!!

I spent two weeks travelling in Japan, using their amazing Bullet Trains, speeding through the fascinating Japanese landscape overlooked by Mount Fuji. Once again, I had a fantastic time and really look forward to the live dates in February.

At the end of this week (Dec 10th) I'll begin the countdown to Xmas, partying, shopping and generally having a good rest! As usual I'll be spending Xmas with my family, before going ski-ing during January. We begin rehearsals mid January and start a series of European dates at the end of that month. The "Singles Collection" Tour should continue into March/April before we settle down to the new album!

On Friday 17th September, I screen-tested for what was to become one of the scariest projects I've ever taken on - The Big Breakfast. Things went well, and despite my tripping over cables and running out of questions in an interview with a man and his dog, Amber, I was offered the job to co-host with Chris Evans for the week Gaby Roslin went on holiday. This would entail a week of 3.00am starts, followed by 2 hours of live TV, including comedy sketches, interviews and general larking around. It sounded hard work, but being a big fan of the show, as well as being Chris Evans' No. 1 fan, I accepted without hesitation. However, on the 4th and 5th of November, after rehearsing with Chris and the crazy Breakfast Crew, I realised I'd really jumped in the deepest end I've ever jumped in. In fact, I was so nervous that had someone given me an opportunity to back out, I would have. The show looks very relaxed and fun to the viewer, but to me it was terrifying, and I wondered how I was ever going to cope with the job. Before I had time to have a nervous breakdown the show arrived on November 8th, and for the first time in my life I was a live TV Breakfast Show host!.

I went on to have one of the most challenging and exciting weeks of my life. I felt I really rose to the occasion, and loved working with Chris and his gang. All the nerves and self doubt flew out the window as I decided to give my very best. I now feel after succeeding in that show, I could succeed in anything I put my mind to. So can you! Think about it!

Rick and I are extremely excited about '94 and we promise to deliver our best album yet! Meanwhile, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 1994. Thanks as always for your continued support of letters and gifts - they are much appreciated.

All my love





KIM WITH DAVID HUNT NATIONAL PROMOTION MANAGER BMG AUSTRALIA ARRIVING FOR HER 'MEET & GREET' IN SYDNEY.



Markus Kaspar Forsterstrasse 12 66822 Steinbach-Lebach Germany

Markus is looking for a copy of CATCH AS CATCH CAN on CD or LP, all 12" maxi singles from 1981, 1982 and 1983, the Japanese mini album YOU KEEP ME HANGIN' ON on CD, the 12" of ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE (with Mel Smith), the video singles from CLOSE, the fan club magazines vols. 1, 2, 3 and 4, videos of TV performances etc, photos and posters from 1981, 1982 and 1983, plus any autograph cards from Kim.

In return he can offer a copy of Kim's TV performance in Munich for NACHTWERK '92, the CD single IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU, a copy of the Japanese mini album YOU CAME on CD, the LP of ANOTHER STEP, the 7" singles NEVER TRUST A STRANGER, LOVE IN THE NATURAL WAY, I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE and WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE. He also has some black and white copies of German press cuttings.

Sabrina Vecchio Via G. Pepe No. 16 40132 Bologna Italy

Sabrina would like to sell the following 7"s; KIDS IN AMERICA (with and without picture sleeve), VIEW FROM A BRIDGE, CHEQUERED LOVE, CHILD COME AWAY (with and without picture sleeve), WATER ON GLASS, LES NUITS SANS KIM WILDE, SAY YOU REALLY WANT ME (no p/s), FOUR LETTER WORD (promo), IT'S HERE (promo), TIME, plus a large selection of performances on Italian TV.

Sylvette Contal 5 Rue Berthelot 21600 Longvic France

Sylvette has the following items to swap and is looking for interesting items you may have that you wish to exchange for them;

7" BITTER IS BETTER, SCHOOLGIRL, YOU CAME/TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE and MILLION MILES AWAY (also on CD), she also has two copies of MARTY WILDE'S FRANTIC FIFTIES, various press cuttings and TV appearances from different countries (includes the Frequenstar interview for M6).

Graeme Scriven 6 Old Town Chard Somerset TA20 2BD England

Graeme would like to get hold of a copy of CATCH AS CATCH CAN.



Myriam De Vries Klooienbergerglaan 621 8031 GE Zwolle The Netherlands

Myriam is looking for copies of Kim's TV performances and interviews on VHS, along with photos, posters and press cuttings and is willing to pay a good price for them.

Le Roy Gaelle 43 Avenue de la Choliere 44700 Orvault France

Gaelle would like various 7" and 12" UK singles, flexis and CDs, Fan Club magazines, any Kim interviews on VHS and a white "CLOSE" T-shirt.

In return she can offer a large selection of videos and interviews from 1982 to 1993.

Norman Richter c/o Post Office Kallista Victoria 3791 Australia

Norman would like a cassette copy of CATCH AS CATCH CAN.

Marc Verstraete Bruggesstraat 52 8755 Ruiselede Belgium

Marc would like to buy the 12" of SCHOOLGIRL.

Dimitrios Sacholaridis 22nd Aretaiou Street 14562 Politia/Kifissia Athens Greece

Dimitrios would like to buy a large selection of Kim's 7" singles.

Steven Scothans Celebesstr. 20 8022 RB Zwolle Holland

Steven would like copies of Kim's live performance in Munich in December 1992 on video, and the Oldenburg gig on cassette.

Patric Scharff Waldstr. 3 29416 Kuhfelde Germany

Patric would like a copy of CATCH AS CATCH CAN on CD and the 12" of THE TOUCH.

Chris Richardson 40 Noble Croft Aspatria Cumbria CA5 3BN England

Chris has the following list of items he would like to swap or sell;

HEY MR HEARTACHE 12", LOVE IN THE NATURAL WAY 12", HEART OVER MIND CD 1 and 2 (pic disc), IT'S HERE, TIME and LOVE IS HOLY on CD, the 7" of HANGIN' ON, CHILD COME AWAY and FOUR LETTER WORD, I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE box set, HEART OVER MIND, I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE and WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? cassette singles (all UK releases). He also has a USA copy of CLOSE on cassette and USA cassette single of YOU CAME.

Aurelien Cramail 7 Impasse Des Huniers 34300 Agde France

Aurelien would like to get hold of various video clips and in return can offer a selection of French TV performances and a cassette single of MILLION MILES AWAY.

Bianchi Muriel 2 Rue Entlyberg 67240 Oberhoffen France

Muriel would like to get a VHS copy of Kim's appearance on the SOPOT '92 TV show.

Paul Shaugnessy 8 Thornton Drive Withymoor Village Brierley Hill West Midlands DV5 2BS England

Paul would like SELECT on any format, THE TOUCH 7", YOU CAME box set, NEVER TRUST A STRANGER gatefold 7" and any other Kim recordings or memorabillia such as picture discs, interviews, cuttings, posters and early 12"s. He is willing to pay reasonable prices for any of the above.

Michael Harvey 554 Stafford Road Cannock Staffs WS11 2AU England

Michael would like to buy the 7" of LOVE BLONDE, DANCING IN THE DARK and THE TOUCH and is willing to pay a good price for them.















Nicolas Pappe Adams Str. 28 51063 Koln Germany

Nicolas would like male and female pen pals from anywhere in the world.

Yara Gailany PO Box 30 100 100 33 Athens Greece

Yara is 23 years old and would like pen pals aged 20+ from anywhere in the world.

Marlena Figura U1. Kendratowiczo 15m46 03-242 Warsawa Poland

Marlena would like male and female pen pals from England.

Alexander Schultz Marienstrasse 20 3070 Nienburg/Weser Germany

Alexander is 25 years old and would like to hear from female penpals anywhere in the world, especially Japan, China, Hungary and the USA. Interests include Kim, Badminton and travelling. Paul Shaughnessy 8 Thornton Drive Withymoor Village Brierly Hill West Midlands England

Paul is 14 years old and looking for a male or female pen pal of any age to compare collections of memorabilia and discuss Kim in general.

Edwin Van Welie Brinkweg 39 6871 V.L. Renkum The Netherlands

Edwin is 25 years old and would like male and female penpals from England. Other interests include The Rolling Stones, Kate Bush, Lloyd Cole (and the Commotions), English comedy and writing lyrics.

Jacqueline Anthes Ortelsburgertr 6 45897 Gelsenkirchen Ruhrgebiet (NRW) Germany

Jacqueline is 13 years old and would like penpals from Germany. She has recently joined the club and would like to find out a lot more about Kim. Other interests include sports, collecting pop memorabilia and meeting friends.









NEVER FELT SO ALIVE

(R. Wilde/K. Wilde)

Why do I seem to confuse you Do I lose you Do I really look so strange A woman alone is a danger Is a stranger She is better off in chains

Oh, how can it be you're happier now Don't you feel half of you has gone Sorry to say I've never felt so together I've never felt this strong

CHORUS

I'm on my own again
And it's never felt so good
I don't feel broken hearted
Don't feel that I should
I'm on my own again
Hard to believe but I never felt so alive

Why do you want to control me
Try to own me
Like a pet you'd like to tame
Don't look at me like I'm crazy
That's just lazy
Cause it's you that's got to change

Oh how can you say you're happier now Isn't it lonely on your own Sorry to say my loneliest days have gone And I've never felt so at home

CHORUS

I'm on my own again
And it's never felt so good
I don't feel broken hearted
Don't feel that I should
I'm on my own again
Hard to believe but I never felt so alive

I'm on my own again
After all the years inside
I've destroyed all the things that hurt me
Rediscovered my pride
I'm on my own again
Hard to believe but I've never felt so alive

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BIRTHDAY SONG

(R. Wilde/K. Wilde)

There's a forest A beautiful place The sun always shines Upon your face And the wind blows away The troubles inside your mind

You'll find your secret garden A place that nobody knows Where you can go

CHORUS

Scarlett the world looks bright today But one day you'll want to cry And when your sky looks grey There's one thing I hope you'll know There's a place you can go

In the distance Your life in the wings Who knows what emotions it will bring But the secrets you hold Will help you through anything

You'll find your secret garden A place that nobody knows Where you can grow

So don't be afraid If you trust the voice inside of you It'll guide you on your way

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QUESTION

Where are you spending Christmas?

ANSWER

I'm spending Xmas with all my family at Mum and Dad's!

QUESTION

If you had to settle in another country, which one would you choose and why?

ANSWER

France, because it's closest to the UK and also because I speak the language and love all things French, especially Fois Gras!!

QUESTION

If you had to live off a particular cuisine (i.e. Chinese, Italian etc), which would you choose?

ANSWER

I would choose Thai food. It is very fresh and fish-orientated as well as being spicy, which I love. I adore the taste and smell of fresh coriander. Also, there are very few dairy products in Thai cuisine which is very healthy.

QUESTION

What would you like for Christmas?

ANSWER

A fax machine! I love faxes and send them to all my friends when I'm travelling.

QUESTION

Have you ever considered pursuing a career as an actress?

ANSWER

Not seriously, although perhaps I'd give it a go in the future if a really interesting project was offered.

QUESTION

Where would you like to be on New Year's Eve 1999/2000?

ANSWER

At home with my family and friends having a HUGE party.

QUESTION

Will the forthcoming tour be a "Greatest Hits" Tour and will Ricki be in the band?

ANSWER

Yes it will be a "Greatest Hits" Tour and yes, Rick is in the band which is the best news of all.

QUESTION

Do you still get nervous before going on stage when doing live gigs?

ANSWER

Yes, always. Even for TV's when I'm only miming!! It is really an essential emotion to give you the adrenalin to perform.

QUESTION

Are you going ski-ing this year?

ANSWER

Yes, straight after Xmas for 2 weeks in Austria and France with friends and family.

QUESTION

What was the first record you ever bought?

ANSWER

A Gary Glitter album.

QUESTION

Who did you most admire as a teenager?

ANSWER

I really admired Joni Mitchell, Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin as well as countless other singer/songwriters and performers.

QUESTION

What was the last album you bought?

ANSWER

S.W.V. which is fantastic!

QUESTION

What music do you personally enjoy?

ANSWER

I have very wide tastes in music. I love dance and techno as well as rap, funk and a bit of trance! At home I usually put on Todd Rundgren, Stevie Wonder or Prefab Sprout. I love Steely Dan, and Donald Fagen's new LP "Kamikiriad" is excellent!



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Hello again

As you know, it's been a pretty busy year for Kim and no doubt you would have all seen her on TV several times during the past few months.

"The Singles Collection" is continuing to sell really well everywhere, and has received tremendous response from Australia and Japan in particular. It has recently achieved Gold status in Australia, and "If I Can't Have You" went Platinum there too! The album is also Gold in Sweden, with Denmark, Holland, France, Japan and Switzerland running close behind.

As Kim has already mentioned, early '94 promises to begin on a very exciting note, and will bring some long-awaited live shows in the following places;

JANUARY

Mon 31st - Paris **FEBRUARY** Wed - Berne 2nd Thurs - Utrecht 3rd 4th - Munich Fri Wed 9th - Osaka 10th Thurs - Nagoya Sat 12th - Tokyo (2 shows) Wed 16th - Perth / Metropolis Nightclub Thur 17th - Perth / Metropolis Nightclub 19th - Adelaide / Brideway Hotel Sat Sun 20th - Melbourne Metro Tues 22nd - Newcastle / Workers Club Wed 23rd - Wollongong / Waves Nightclub Fri 25th - Sydney / Hills Centre Sat 26th - Brisbane / Transformers 27th - Goldcoast / Seagulls Sun

MARCH

Mon 7th - Singapore (venue tba)

Although we don't have any more details on venues and information on where to get tickets from at the time of writing, we'll mail out to you as soon as this becomes available to us. Also, whilst these are the only dates confirmed at this time, further shows may be added in Australia between 27th February and 6th March, and there may be opportunities for more shows upon returning from Singapore, so those of you who won't be able to make it out to any of the above for obvious reasons - watch this space...!

For your information, the line-up for the band will be:

Ricki Wilde - Guitar / Keyboards

Steve Byrd - Guitar
Pete Clarke - Bass
Steve Williams - Percussion
TBC - Drums

TBC - Backing Vocals

Jim and Steve from the studio will also be going out on the road, as Keyboard Technician and Guitar Technician, so it's going to be pretty short-staffed and hectic at Big M!

In the meantime, tour plans continue, writing for the next album will commence... but most of all, Christmas has to be enjoyed - hope you have a good one!









