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Daves True Story Interview



The story behind the band, Dave's True Story, is every bit as interesting as Dave Cantor's lyrics.



Dave Cantor, singer/songwriter and the Dave of [Dave's True Story](#), grew up in New York, (Long Island to be exact), and had a dream of wanting to become a novelist out of college. The novel didn't work out, nor did the playwriting, so instead he turned to writing songs, where his lyrics are like mini-scripts with dramatic monologues.

Kelly Flint grew up in the mid-west, (Michigan City, Indiana) came to New York with \$400, a suitcase and like so many people that come to New York, with a dream of becoming an actress or a singer. It was something that she desperately wanted, but she put off going to a club called the Speakeasy for their Open Mike night for a few years, because she said that she knew once she went it would change her life, and it did. She became involved with the Fast Folk Musical Group, which is where she met Dave in 1989. Friends encouraged Kelly to sing Dave's songs, since she needed material and was not a prolific writer herself, but Kelly didn't really "get" Dave, and didn't like his style of jazz. Over drinks one night, Dave taught Kelly one of his songs, and when she sang it, she "got" it, and went on to learn a few more of his songs. Fast-forward, Dave and Kelly went to a Folk Festival that Jack Hardy put on with 33 performers. Although Dave and Kelly were not on the line-up to perform, at the third from the last of the performers, they decided to sing one song, and the audience loved them. At the end of the concert, the audience cheered Dave and Kelly to come back on and sing another song. Ironically, the only other Dave's song that Kelly knew was a Christmas song, which they performed, so what that it was July! Encouraged by their reception at the concert, they went on to do a couple of gigs.

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In 1994 they formed Dave's True Story, released an album, and in 1995 they won the prestigious Kerrville New Music Award. The story gets even better; in 1994 Kelly met Southern California Surfer/bassist, Jeff Eyrich, who was living in Malibu, in an Internet chat session called the Surf Lounge Tijuana Brass Cocktail. Encouraged by their chats, Kelly sent Jeff their album so that he could try to generate some interest for it on the West Coast. When he heard the album, coupled with his growing online relationship with Kelly, he moved to New York and joined Dave's True Story in 1998. Their first release together was ***Dave's True Story*** (1994, re-released in 2002), ***Sex without Bodies*** (1998), followed by ***Unauthorized*** (2000), which is when I first became a fan of Dave's True Story. Their latest release, ***Nature***, from [BePop Records](#) was just released on April 19, 2005.

The story gets even better! Their song, Crazy Eyes, was featured in the film ***Kissing Jessica Stein***, and the second track, Dog's Life, from the *Nature* release is in the documentary, ***Dog's Life: A Dogmentary***, from Emmy award winning television producer Gayle Kirschenbaum.

On June 3, 2005 Edward F. Nesta and I, along with our friend, Tim Garrabrandt, had the opportunity to listen to Dave's True Story perform at the club, [Satalla](#), in New York, and to interview them to get their "story". When I asked what inspired Dave, Kelly quickly responded, "he gets his inspiration from Kelly", to which Dave added, "or else." Actually, he grew up liking (surprise!) music, which was definitely off the beaten track, which included The Mothers (Frank Zappa) and Captain Beefheart. He also admitted that he was a Steely Dan fan. Jeff was inspired by the Southern California surfer instrumental pipeline music. He said that sometimes people say that he plays "surf guitar."

Hearing Dave's True Story perform live is about as good as it gets. Joined by drummer, Richard Zukor, the band clearly was in their element. Although Dave may not have written a bestselling novel, his lyrics are clearly bestselling stories; and it appears that Kelly didn't have to choose between acting or singing, as she captures the audience with her mesmerizing voice and sassy attitude; and as for Jeff, this cool California surfer plays his bass with the ease of a champion surfer coming out of a long pipeline. I can't wait to hear the next story from Dave's True Story, as the stories just keep getting better and better.

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