

## **DAVE MATTHEWS BAND**

### **HOW DOES THE JAM MASTER DO IT? SPIKED COFFEE AND TELEPROMPTERS!**

**WE MAY WANT TO PACK UP OUR VW MINIBUS AND OUR DOG JERRY AND FOLLOW DAVE AROUND ON TOUR THIS SUMMER. WOULD THAT BE, LIKE, A RIGHTEOUS IDEA?**

Dude, totally! "We change what we play every night," says Dave Matthews, now in his fifteenth year as king of the jam-band nation. "I would lose my tiny little mind and become a farmer if the only option of playing music live was to play the same set over and over."

### **DOES DAVE OWE HIS LONGEVITY TO THIS KIND OF CREATIVE RESTLESSNESS?**

That, and his workout regimen: Matthews always brings a trainer on the road, and usually takes his first cup of coffee with a shot. "Whiskey in coffee is good. If you just have one to start your day, it takes away the cobwebs."

### **HOW INVOLVED WAS DAVE IN SETTING UP HIS 52-DATE, 39-CITY TOUR?**

Not very. "They just pop me on a bus and say, 'Perform, seal. Perform!'"

### **WITH EIGHT STUDIO ALBUMS AND AN AFFINITY FOR WHISKEY IN THE A.M., HOW DOES DAVE REMEMBER ALL THE WORDS TO HIS SONGS?**

He doesn't. "I have an electronic cheat sheet," he says, referring to his onstage teleprompter. "But I rarely look at it. The other thing I do is make up words. Or mumble."

### **DAVE GETS PRETTY INTO PERFORMING ONSTAGE—WHAT'S WITH THE FACES HE MAKES?**

Notorious for his onstage facial expressions that land somewhere between euphoria and passing a kidney stone, Matthews admits he looks ridiculous. "Every time I see the expression on my face in a photograph I think, 'Well, nothing could help that. No outfit could have distracted from that expression.'"

### **DAVE'S TOURED THE WORLD. IN HIS FIELD RESEARCH, WHICH CITY HAS THE BEST DRUGS?**

Though he's fairly tight-lipped about that, apparently his homeland of South Africa has the best pharmaceutical sleeping aids. "I don't remember what it was, but it was magical. Slept like a baby for nine hours. I was excited about the day that would follow, and still had six hours left on my flight."

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7/28-7/29: Hartford, CT; 8/01: Cincinnati, OH; 8/02: Cleveland, OH; 8/05-8/06: New York; 8/09: Tampa; 8/11-8/12: West Palm Beach, FL; 8/15: Atlanta; 8/16: Antioch, TN; 8/18: Houston, TX; 8/19: Dallas; 8/23: Phoenix; 8/25: Irvine, CA; 8/26: San Diego, CA; 8/28: Los Angeles; 8/30: Salt Lake City, UT; 9/01-9/03: George, WA; 9/06: West Sacramento, CA; 9/08-9/09: San Francisco, CA; 9/12-9/13: Denver; 9/15: Chicago, IL; 9/22-9/23: Charlottesville, VA