

Where they Eat - Steve Hogarth (vocalist)

You can catch Marillion at the end of their British tour on September 27 at the Shepherd's Bush Empire. Vocalist Steve Hogarth (his predecessor, Fish, left in '88) lives in Oxfordshire and doesn't get to London as much as he'd like. "I'm in a rock 'n' roll band and we're usually elsewhere in the world." Still, he claims that anyone with a brain has to come to London. "There aren't any good shops in Oxford".

Le Palais du Jardin

"There's a waiter there with a moustache who is interesting. He looks like someone from one of those old movies. The food's always good and so is the service and atmosphere. It's always busy. There's a piano on a balcony but nobody ever seems to play it". Le Palais du Jardin, 136 Long Acre, WC2 (0171 379 5353) Covent Garden tube.

Blue Elephant

"This is excellent, incredibly fabulous. I'd recommend anything on the menu - the food is out of this world. I come here with friends or my wife." Blue Elephant, 4-6 Fulham Broadway, SW6 (0171 385 6595) Fulham Broadway tube.

Hard Rock Cafe

"I do go to some desperately unhip places. I know this is touristy but I still love to go. I take my wife and kids because they give you wax crayons. The waitresses are always very nice and they make you feel like you're their friend. I'm into the big love thing, you can't have enough of that. And there's a cocktail called Fifty Quid Out of the Till, with Kahlua, brandy and cream, which gets you drunk and makes you feel happy." Hard Rock Cafe, 150 Old Park Lane, W1 (0171 629 0382) Hyde Park Corner tube.

Joe's Cafe

"My manager took me there for lunch. It was very nice. The restaurant manager admired my shirt and wanted to know where I got it - it came from Hyper Hyper. The restaurant is a bit "Ab Fab"; there are thin women with Rolex watches having lunch. I like to go somewhere like that and be a bit of rough." Joe's cafe, 126 Draycott Avenue, SW3 (0171 225 2217) South Kensington tube.

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