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PRESS PACK **Our dad's a rock star**
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Sofi and Nial have a famous dad. He is Steve Hogarth - the frontman with rock band Marillion, who scored top 10 chart success on Sunday.

Here they explain what it's like living with their dad.

What's it like having a rock star dad?

S: I get asked this a lot, but to me it's perfectly normal. He joined the band when I was one and I'm 16 now, so I don't know any different.

It is very exciting sometimes. I have met so many interesting people and been to lots of places. I've had a really cool life, but I don't take it for granted.

N: There are no words to describe it. I'm so proud of him.

What do your friends think about it?

S: My school close friends have been my friends for years. My best friend has been to quite a few gigs with me.

N: My friends are pretty gobsmacked, but at the same time they really like it. They are always asking me questions. My dad's got quite an unusual job.

What's it like seeing your dad in concert?

S: It's fantastic. We are really, really proud. I went to my first gig when I was about five. Seeing him up there is the biggest rush - it can be quite emotional.

N: When I go to gigs, the atmosphere is just amazing. I love seeing my dad and the band up on stage. Now I've got used to the fact that my dad's a rock star, I love it.



What's it like when your dad's on tour?

S: He was away a lot when I was younger. He

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hasn't been away much recently but they're about to start a world tour. It will be quite hard but I think it's been arranged so they won't be away for more than three weeks at a time.

Newsround presenter Lizzie meets Steve

N: I wish him good luck and tell him to have a great time, but at the same time I want him to come home. When he gets back, we give him a big hug. I'll text him and call him - I try to speak to him every day.

Are you musical?

S: I sing. I've seen how hard the music business can be. It can be off-putting, but it makes you more determined.

N: I play the drums, guitar and piano. I would love to be in a rock band. I like my dad's kind of music, but I also like the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Feeder.

What do you think about your dad's chart success?

S: They haven't been in the charts for so long. I've watched my dad working so hard and it's great that the single has done so well. A lot of people at school are going to know it's my dad. Hopefully they'll like it.

N: I'm absolutely chuffed. I told most of my friends at school and they couldn't believe it. I've played the CD to them and they really like it. I feel really proud of the band and proud to be a part of it all. Hopefully, a lot of new people will join the fan club now.

Sofi, 16, and Nial, 12, Oxfordshire

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