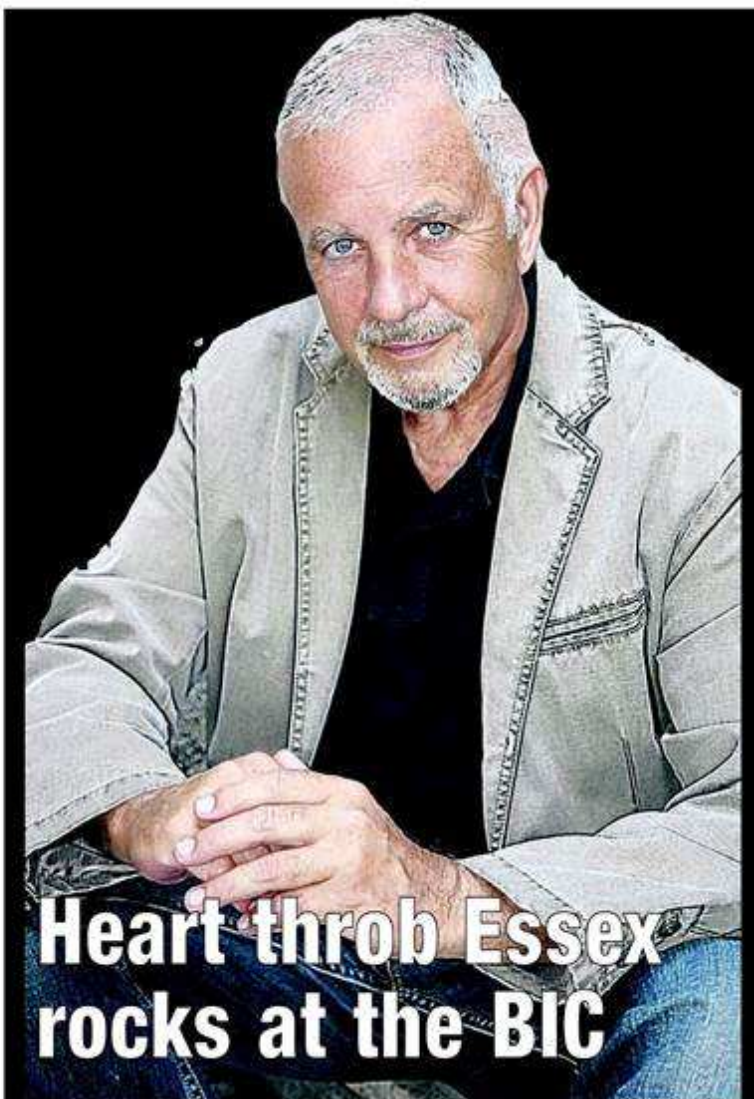


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Heart throb Essex rocks at the BIC

A ROCK 'n' roll show by the seaside in the south is the setting for heart-throb pop star David Essex's latest live album and DVD.

The DVD captures his powerful performance at the BIC Bournemouth at the end of The Secret Tour. And Essex fans will be hoping that it will be in their Christmas stockings.

About to hit the record shelves, it has some blockbusting rock 'n' roll numbers.

It features a string of hits including *Stardust*, *Silver Dream Machine* and *Imperial Wizard* as well as his two UK chart-topping singles *Gonna Make You A Star* and *Hold Me Close*.

The glittering back catalogue, all composed by Essex, also includes the 1973 smash single *Rock On* which was third in the UK charts and number five in the US Billboard 100 charts.

In a career spanning 50 years Essex has had 19 top 40 singles and 16 top 40 albums in the UK and received the Variety Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

The singer, who has also made his mark in the acting world, including the role of Eddie Moon in *EastEnders*, says: "I really like the immediacy of a rock tour - it lives for one night and moves on to the next city.

"The Secret Tour was a terrific tour with wonderful audiences and a great reaction to the exceptional music and myself.

"When filming the show we tried to capture the excitement that radiated from the stage and the audience. I think we succeeded."

