

## ***Dirty Linen***

**JOHN SEBASTIAN WITH  
DAVID BROMBERG:  
WELCOME BACK:  
LIVE AT IOWA STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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The latest in a series of vintage videos from the University of Iowa's Maintenance shop is a 1987 effort featuring John Sebastian in a one-off evening with longtime friend David Bromberg. Sebastian was in good, witty form, but the audience seemed largely ignorant of his material, except for his relatively recent composition, "Welcome Back," which had reached a huge market as the theme song for the TV show "Welcome Back Kotter." Sebastian and Bromberg trade some tasty licks, but their lack of rehearsal is much in evidence, with a lot of missed cues. Nonetheless, this is worth seeing for Sebastian's wry, entertaining monologues and his timeless songs from the Lovin' Spoonful catalog.

—*Michael Parrish (San Jose, CA)*