

## Super Dave live at Pen Centre

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**T**he one, the only — Super Dave Osborne (a.k.a. Bob Einstein) —satisfied thousands of adoring, screaming fans while at the Pen Centre in St. Catharines on Nov. 18.

Some fans waited eagerly outside in the morning's frosty air as early as 5:30 a.m. to see Super Dave.

A \$1,000 gift certificate was awarded to the 1,000<sup>th</sup> person who waited in line.

Super Dave was at the Pen Centre to celebrate its grand opening, which Pen Centre officials estimated was attended by about 20,000 people.

The renovations at the Pen Centre took 16 months to complete and cost \$40 million.

Super Dave said lack of planning is one of the reasons why his stunts backfire. His stunt co-ordinator "doesn't understand enough English and doesn't plan enough," joked Super Dave. "His salary should be reduced."

Super Dave is always in a great deal of pain. At times, his back was snapped in two or his body crushed.

"No pain killers; I bite on a cork. I can put myself in a coma at times," said Super Dave.

Super Dave said he "is ageless."

He got his start on the television show Bizarre in 1984.

The staff of Bizarre needed an excuse to film some of the show outside of the studio, he said.

Since many of his stunts take place outside, the creation of Super Dave was a perfect vehicle, he said, adding the public liked Super Dave and "after six years, we got our own show."

Super Dave compared the success of his show with the Tracey Ullman Variety Show.

"Tracy Ullman had Simpsons (cartoon) characters on her show for 20 seconds a week. They have their own show now, so you never know."



Super Dave Osborne appeared at the grand opening of the new Pen Centre in St. Catharines on Nov. 18.

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