

DO YOU KNOW WHERE
ERIC EMERSON'S CHILDREN
ARE?

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Good news. 'Ciao Manhattan', the John Palmer/David Weisman film documenting the downfall of [Edie Sedgwick](#), is going to be released on DVD in October 2002. Prior to that there will be a limited cinema release. The DVD will include outtake footage, as well as interviews with John Palmer and fashion designer Betsey Johnson, amongst others. There is a quicktime excerpt of the film at www.plexifilm.com/ciao.html

CIAO MANHATTAN

Although not a Warhol film, the cast includes appearances by many Warholstars including [Brigid Berlin](#) (and her sister Richie), [Paul America](#) and Viva. Edie is completely stoned throughout the film - and it's almost painful watching her - but even in her state, she is mesmerizing - although if she looks slightly different, it's because many of the scenes were filmed after her breast enlargement operation. At the time of the filming, she was also an outpatient in the same mental clinic they used to film the 'shock therapy' scene - where she had been getting shock therapy in real life. Ignore the confused gangster subplot in the film - the real story is of Edie Sedgwick's downfall. Sedgwick died of an overdose before the film was released. The co-director of the film, John Palmer is generally credited as the person who came up with the idea for Warhol's '[Empire](#)'. In the U.K. the video for pop idol Will Young's last number one single was based on Ciao Manhattan.

MARIANNE FAITHFULL

While I'm making recommendations - the newish Marianne Faithfull album is great although it takes a few listens to really appreciate it - in fact I am listening to it while I'm writing this. It's all about the sixties and includes a song about [Nico](#) co-written by Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics. Everything is good about this album, including the artwork. My favorite track at the moment is 'Sliding Through Life On Charm' co-written with Pulp star Jarvis Cocker: "... *The family tree was chainsawed Wednesday week so now I have to mingle with the meek, Hey Mister! you have finally met your match, Now everybody wants to kiss my snatch...*" And speaking of a ...

KISS

A site user has alerted me to the existence of an underground magazine called 'Kiss' with 'notes from Andy Warhol's Underground'. It was edited by [Bibbe Hansen](#)'s father, [Al Hansen](#). Bibbe was in several Warhol films including the 1965 'Restaurant' (aka L'Avventura) and 'Prison' with Edie Sedgwick.

Bibbe Hansen: "*Kiss - the paper you read with one hand! That was their ad slogan. My dad, Al Hansen, edited Kiss. Sometimes he operated the magazine under different names to elude bill collectors and supoena servers- -Tony Paycheck was one alias. When things were fine, the masthead carried his real name. He wrote hilarious articles and columns under yet more aliases. Of course, Al got all his pals to do articles and columns.*" (BH)



'Kiss' started publication in June 1969 and featured a gossip column by Andy Warhol - "[Rotten Rita](#)'s deperate pleas for cash have been refused and it is predicted by friends that he will end up in the gutter..." and also a column by Ondine called "Beloved Ondine's Advice to the Shopworn" - where he gives advice to people who supposedly write in. Another issue features 'Underground Confidential' by Andy Warhol with photos by Warhol's boyfriend, Jed Johnson, which ends with "*Next Week! Exclusive coverage of [Jackie Curtis](#)' wedding...*"



There's also an ad for Warhol's 'Oh Bombay' in Southampton and a mention of Gerard Malanga's program of [male porn](#) that he was putting on at the Fortune Theatre and a centerfold from Brigid Berlin's '[Cock Book](#)'.

Well, that's it for August - if you haven't done so already, make sure you check the messages section of this site - there are some important enquiries there that you might be able to help out with.

The next 'new stuff' will be September 1st. See you then.

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