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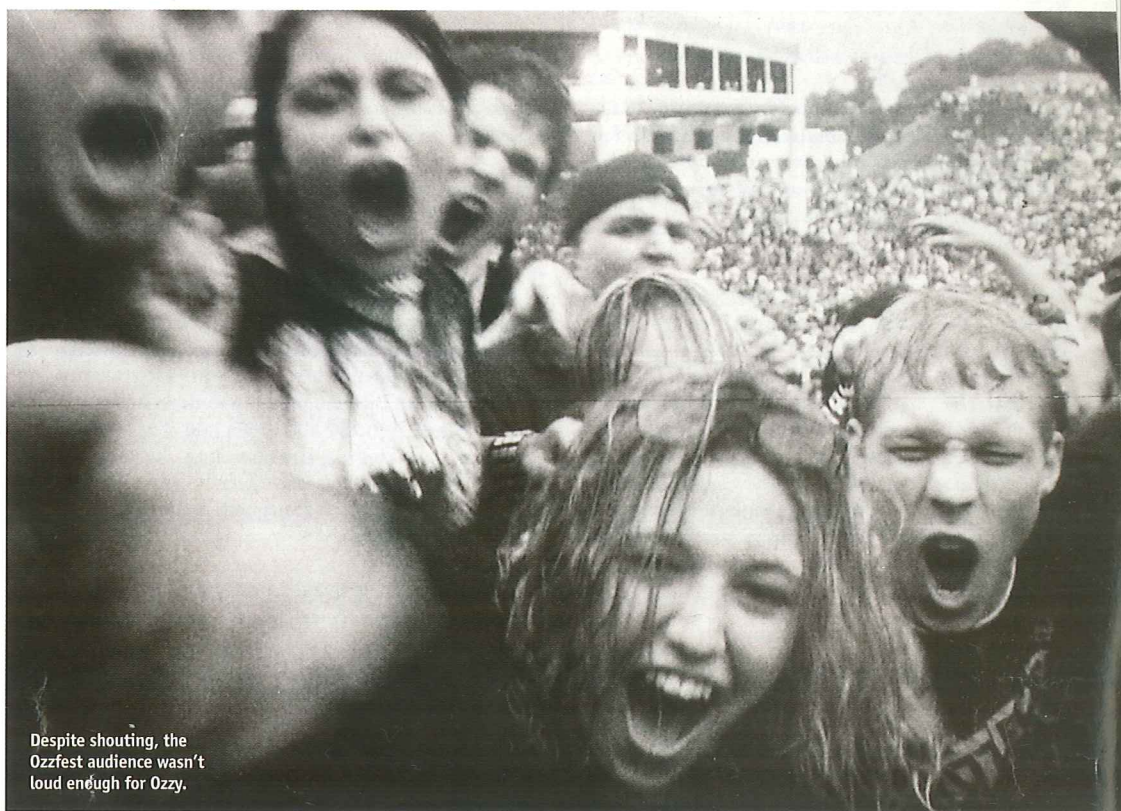
It's a madhouse!

The Osbournes unleashed on UK TV; Ozzy mourns ex-drummer; more bands for Ozzfest...

THE OSBOURNES, THE REAL-LIFE documentary of Ozzy Osbourne and his family, is finally to debut on British TV in mid-May, just prior to this year's Castle Donington Ozzfest on May 25. When screened in the US, the first episode of *The Osbournes* scored the highest debut rating for any MTV series (read more on page 70).

And like dad, like daughter, it seems that Kelly Osbourne is to follow in her father's singing footsteps, recording a version of Madonna's 'Papa Don't Preach'. She says: "I didn't choose the song, my mom did and asked me to do it. I'm crapping myself, because I don't think I'm a very good singer."

She will team up with Incubus's Mike Einziger (guitar) and Jose Pasillas (drums) to



Despite shouting, the Ozzfest audience wasn't loud enough for Ozzy.



record it, while brother Jack will be producing. It's possible that it may feature on a soundtrack album to accompany *The Osbournes*.

On a more downbeat note, like many of rock's biggest stars Osbourne was distressed to learn of the death of his former drummer, Randy Castillo. Last heard on Mötley Crüe's 'New Tattoo' album, Castillo had begun his career with Lita Ford during the 1980s, and recorded five albums with Ozzy, but had suffered from cancer

for a some time. Hole drummer Samantha Maloney took his place on the Crüe's last US tour. A memorial website site has been set up at www.randycastillo.com.

"Randy was sick for a long time, he was 51," an emotional Ozzy confided exclusively to *Classic Rock*. "I phoned him yesterday and I heard he wasn't doing so well. They said he was broke and I was going to send him some money. Then literally 20 minutes later, while I was sorting out wiring some cash, they called back and said that he'd died. I'm not feeling too good... He was a good guy, he never complained, was always chasing that young chick. To be honest with you, I'm kind of shocked about it right now."

"We used to joke around all the time, saying that we had dented

halos," commented Crüe bassist Nikki Sixx, adding: "I know I'll smile every time he comes kicking ass through the speakers. I'll miss you, my friend, and I love you."

In a strange twist of fate, Sixx has also recently hinted that although Mötley Crüe will remain on hold the band may be re-joined by drummer Tommy Lee when they reconvene. "A few years ago, we all agreed to take a break to recharge the band and come back out swinging around summer of 2003," the bassist said. "Things seem to be right on target."

Meanwhile, for a digitally remastered version of Ozzy's 1980 solo debut 'Blizzard Of Ozz', Ozzy has wiped the original rhythm tracks of bassist Bob Daisley and drummer Lee Kerlake, and