

INTERVIEW

PETER BOONSTRA: LET THERE BE LUV'

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Luv' & Peter

Peter Boonstra runs the official **Luv'** and **José Hoebee** Fan Clubs. Without him, there wouldn't be a real link between the ladies and their public. In recent years, he has organised "meet'n greet" days (like the recent **José Hoebee** Fan Club meeting on September 28th). After being a simple fan, he became a close friend of **José**. Last spring, he recorded with his favourite singer a duet (***L Love You***, a medley of two standards: ***Nights In White Satin*** and ***I Who Have Nothing***). The recording session was filmed by a local TV channel **StadsRTVBreda** for the show **De Week Van Cor/ Het Duet**. **Peter** has accepted to answer my questions about his "greatest **LUVers**".



The duet of José & Peter, April 2008

Ralph: When did you become a **Luv' / José** fan? How did it happen?

Peter Boonstra: I've been a **Luv'** fan since 1978. I vaguely remember the ***U.O.Me*** period but since "***You're the Greatest Lover***" I've become a big fan. **José** was immediately the best to me, mainly due to the fact that she

was the lead singer on many songs. I could watch **Luv'** pictures and listen their music for hours. I really collected everything. After **Patty** had left the group, I kept on following **Luv'** and then I became a **José** fan. She was my favourite and I think she is brilliant.

Ralph: What are your memories of Luv' during their golden years and later José in the 1980's?

Peter: I know that I was looking for everything about **Luv'** in magazines and newspaper and I still do it! When **Luv'** appeared on TV, I was very proud. As if I had discovered them....

Ralph: When did you first meet José? Do you have anecdotes about it?

Peter: I saw **José** twice live on stage in 1985. **Ada** (another hardcore fan) also attended one of these performances; she did "**Patty**" on the **Luv'** medley (When **José** sings **Luv'** songs during a solo concert, she often chooses two girls from the audience to imitate the pop trio). I gave **José** flowers after one of her gigs. I was so nervous that I weirdly laughed on the photos. A couple of days later, I received a card from her to thank me for the wonderful flowers. I thought it was great!

Ralph: How did you start the José Fan Club?

Peter: After **René Moonen** had asked me to help him for the **Luv'** Club, I started one year later the **José** Club. She was my favourite and is very loyal to her fans. Moreover, I had so many beautiful pictures of **Luv'/José** that I wanted to share them with other people.

Ralph: What are your favourite Luv' and José songs?

Peter: *Trojan Horse* and *U.O.Me* by **Luv'** and *The Good Times* by **José**.

Ralph: Are there tracks you like the least?

Peter: Actually, I like everything. Well, maybe tracks like *Hang On* and *Don't Let Me Down*.

Ralph: Which of your collector items are the most unique or special to you?

Peter: I'm very happy with foreign records, especially if they have another sleeve. For example **True Luv'** from South Africa and *You're the Greatest Lover* from Italy or *I'm so sorry* by **José** from France (I didn't know it exists before I saw it at **José's** home. I'm also satisfied with the videos. Seven years ago, I had nothing and now I have a lot.

Ralph: Which collector items are you looking for?

Peter: *You're the Greatest Lover* and *Lots Of Luv'* from Japan and *I Will Follow Him* from Spain. And the door poster, of course.

Ralph: What's the craziest thing you've ever done for José and Luv'?

Peter: There are no crazy things but the duet with **José** was of course a special experience to me.

Ralph: It was your initiative to start a Fan Club Day with José and Ria Thielsch in early 2003. How did it happen? I guess it wasn't easy in the beginning to get the ladies agreement.

Peter: I didn't organize the first Fan day. **René Moonen** and **Ger Valkenburg** did it. But it was the first time that I'd been to **José's** home. It was fantastic. **Marco** and me were allowed to pick **José** up with **René**. I'd just seen her twice in 1985 and a couple of times in Eindhoven where I'd worked at **Free Record Shop**. But this time it was unique. **José** was very kind and I immediately took a picture of her and me with her gold records. Since then, I've met her approximately 15 times. What's so cool with **José** is that she pays attention to everybody and is very attentive. It's great that she remembered me when someone was needed for the TV programme "**Het Duet**".

Ralph: Which Fan Club Day was the most successful?

Peter: The one in 2006 (with the three original members) was very good as well as the CD presentation of **José** in 2005, it was fun and very successful.

Ralph: You recorded a duet with José earlier this year. How was it possible?

Peter: **José** sent me a SMS. She told me she needed me for something and that's how I was given the chance to record a duet with her.

Ralph: Difficult question: Which of the Luv' and José meetings were the best?

Peter: During the recording of the TV show "**Het Theater van het sentiment**", I met **Marga** and **Patty** for the first time. I appreciated this moment because I didn't know them. Apart from that, I liked the "**Meet'n Greet**" with **Luv'** very much. What was so nice is that one of the photo I took on that occasion was used for the cover of **Privé** (a Dutch celebrity gossip magazine).

Ralph: **Luv'** is active from time to time for private parties and corporate events. They will be performing in March at the Ahoy concert hall for the "**Revival of the 80's**". Are there any future plans for **Luv'**?

Peter: No, unfortunately.

Ralph: What are **José's** future projects?

Peter: She will go solo accross the country. Among other things, she has planned to perform songs she rarely sings like *The Good Times*.

Ralph: Will you organize other "meet 'n greet" days?

Peter: I hope so because everybody has high expectations for it.

Ralph: How do **Jos Theuns** and **Marco** (your husband) help you for the **José Club** and the fan days?

Peter: **Marco** supports everything I do. **Jos** is very active on the club and knows a lot about **José**.

Ralph: Are there other artists that you appreciate?

Peter: **Madonna**, **ABBA** and **Barbra Streisand**. In addition to them, I'm fond of series like **Dynasty** and **Cagney & Lacey** as well as other current shows like **Grey's Anatomy** and **Desperate Housewives**.

Ralph: You know I'm French. Are there French artists that you like?

Peter: **Edith Piaf** and I like to listen to old and famous French chansons.

BIG THANKS to **Peter** for participating and making this interview possible !!!

Visit his sites:

* Official **Luv' Fan Club**: <http://muziek.clubs.nl/luv>

* Official **José Hoebee Fan Club**: <http://muziek.clubs.nl/josehoebee>



José & Peter at the first Fan Club Meeting, April 2003