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Comic's Gig Includes Sly Vandy Salute

From *Tennessean* staff writer Cindy Watts:

When Nashville native **Keith Alberstadt** moved to New York to pursue a career in comedy, his mother had just one goal for him — a speaking part on *Guiding Light*.

Instead, she'll have to settle for an appearance on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. The segment was taped on Monday to air tonight, and the comedian says the experience was "surreal."

"**Dakota Fanning** opened for me," he says, laughing. "I do this for a living, getting in front of people and making them laugh, so what's another 6 million more?"

Keith doesn't forget his hometown during his five-minute major network debut. There's a sly tribute to his alma mater, Vanderbilt, courtesy of The Late Show band.

"The band asked me what I wanted to come out to," Keith says. "I said 'Brick House,' because it's by The Commodores. How much of a dork am I? In my mind, it's just as good as making a donation to the school. I hope they stop calling me now."

The down side of the experience? Everyone was so loud that when **David Letterman** came over to talk to him, he didn't catch what the show host said. "I was just on *Letterman*, and I didn't really grasp what he was saying," Keith says. "I'm sure it wasn't anything profound. I have no idea."

Let's hope it wasn't an invite to appear on *Guiding Light*.

The Late Show with David Letterman airs at 10:30 p.m. on CBS.