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THE Daily Star has 10 pairs of

ickets to give away to the

Marillion With Friends From

To be in with a chance of

The actress who played

Kayleigh in Car Share is

called Sian...? a) Gibson

The Orchestra Live tour.

inning, answer this:



THREE of Marillion's most recent songs are more than 15 minutes long.

Played live, you might be looking at close to 20, especially if singer Steve Hogarth bursts into tears nalfway through

"That happens all the time," he chuckes. "I'm such a luvvie!

you cry, it becomes impossible to sing."

Not that Marillion's fans are likely to mind. First, because "at least they know I co. "They invariably beat us," he says. mean it". And, second, because their loyalty to this band - together now for 40 Band, where a few lucky fans who can years and about to embark on yet anoth-play or sing themselves can step up on er UK tour - is on a scale other acts would surely kill for.

Marillion fans don't just buy the odd band that does that," he says.

The roots of this bond go back to the album and stroll along to gigs. They gathconventions, the biggest being every two vears in Holland.

fly in from all over the planet.

"People even get married there. I married one couple myself, dressed as

show every night at these events, they

ternet thing was, we'd better get on it! So happened!" Even so, he's aware of its sigwe were ahead of the curve, really."

Marillion also have a part in a piece of history. Their song Out Of This World, is about Donald Campbell's fatal attempt to break the world water speed record in 1967.

Diver Bill Smith heard the track and was inspired to look for the wreck of his we'd never have had the creative freeboat Bluebird in Coniston Water in the dom we've had these last 30 years." Lake District. This led to the craft being raised in 2001 and it has

since been restored. Of course, there's one piece of Marillion music that resonates even with non-fans and that's the 1985 hit Kayleigh, recorded when Steve's predecessor Fish was still the singer. It reached No.2 in the charts.

No doubt Steve is tired of being asked about this, but when "Being able to pay the mort-Kayleigh resurfaced so prominently just" gage while being free to do what the hell a couple of years ago, soundtracking the most tearjerking scene of Peter Kay's hit comedy Car Share, how huge an impact did this have on the band?

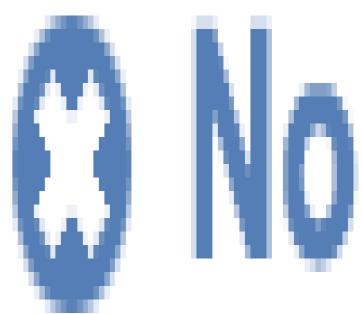
Steve sounds puzzled. "Did that end up being on Car Share?" he replies.

some ways it's a tricky one.
"I wouldn't quite call it a millstone around our necks," he says, "but it does

November's tour and tie-in album are called Marillion With Friends From The Orchestra

from their back catalogue are enhanced by horns and strings.
After that, they'll be

back in the studio - a routine Steve sounds deeply content with. So how, these





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"The trouble is, when your emotion happily mingle with fans the whole swells in your chest to the point where weekend. Whoever wins the regular quiz, for instance, gets to test their Marillion knowledge against Steve and

There's even a feature called Swap The stage for one song, while Steve or whoever sits it out. "I don't know any other

er in their thousands at regular Marillion mid-90s, when Marillion effectively invented crowdfunding.

After they'd split from their record la-

"Japanese, Mexicans, Americans, bel, donations from die-hard fans meant Brazilians, you name it," says Steve. "They they could set out on an otherwise unaffordable US tour.

It also later financed a number of albums. "We learned that they were pre pared to buy stuff that didn't even exist Not only do the band play a different yet. That was their level of faith.

"We also learnt that, whatever this in-

nificance in Marillion's history. And in

pull the focus away from what we've be-come musically. That's unfortunate. "But then maybe without Kayleigh

Live, inset, for which songs

days, does he define success?

you like," he says, "that's the Holy Grail.

"You can be a millionaire but so famous you can't walk down the street without being hounded. That's no way to

Marillion With Friends From The Well, it certainly had no impact on Orchestra Live. For tickets go to