



John Stamos was 'plastered' on Kerri-Anne Kennerley lounge in TV interview

ACTOR John Stamos has finally spoken about the worst case of spin doctoring Australian television has ever seen, admitting he was "plastered" during his infamous early morning interview with Kerri-Anne Kennerley more than two years ago.

At time of the ER star's baffling but memorable outburst on Queen KAK's lounge in 2007 - in which he gyrated intimately with a studio prop, insulted Kennerley's outfit and was an overall rambling, disoriented mess - Stamos put his state down to jet-lag and popping a sleeping tablet.

Now, he has revealed he wasn't snoozey but boozey.

"I'll be honest: When I went on that morning show, I was drunk," Stamos has told US magazine The Advocate.

"Yes, I was on sleeping pills and I was jet-lagged but I was also just plastered.

"And I never said I wasn't, but that whole Warner Bros publicity machine got involved and said, 'Just say he was jet-lagged'.

"I said, 'No, tell 'em the truth! I was f ... drunk in Australia'."

On the contrary, once the former Full House star was sent packing back to LA following his shambolic stay Down Under, he gave an interview to US TV Guide denying he was intoxicated.

"I did not drink either morning. I do not have an alcohol problem," he said at the time.

Perhaps Johnny was jet-lagged during his latest interview.

During his chat with KAK, which made international headlines, Stamos details a plan to open a bar in Australia that gives "free beer to women on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..."

And then free beer and shrimp on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but it's closed Sunday".

Transplant breathes life into fatal disease

FIFTEEN years after her mother died waiting for a lung transplant, Penny Karamoutsos has won a second chance at life with an organ donation to overcome the same rare disease.



She is relieved her daughter Kristen has been spared the pain of losing her mother to scleroderma as she did, and desperately hopes the five-year-old will escape suffering the genetically linked disease herself.

Ms Karamoutsos is the first Australian patient to survive a double lung transplant to overcome CREST syndrome - a severe form of scleroderma in which her body's immune system attacks and kills its own organs, particularly her lungs.

Ms Karamoutsos's mother, Maria Flaskis, died while waiting for her a

transplant in 1995, and for many years surgeons stopped offering transplants for the condition because no Australian had survived.

But in August - with Ms Karamoutsos just weeks from death, surviving on an oxygen pump and barely able to move - she received an 11th-hour chance at life.

"I went to bed the night before the call came and said 'I don't think I am going to make it to the end of the month'," Ms Karamoutsos said.

Although she had nursed her mother through her final weeks, Ms Karamoutsos had no idea the rare illness had been passed down to her even when she suffered compli-

cations from Kristen's birth in 2003 and developed a severe lung infection.

It was only when her immune system sank so low that she needed hospital treatment last December that Ms Karamoutsos was diagnosed with scleroderma and over the next nine months she deteriorated to having just 20 per cent of her lung capacity.

Having also treated her mother, Prof Trevor Williams from The Alfred hospital said he was determined to save Ms Karamoutsos.

After transplants failed to save scleroderma patients 20 years earlier, Prof Williams said the surgery had been shelved until recent successes in the US meant it again became an option.

"Penny is the first person we have managed to even get out of hospital," he said.

To register for the Australian Organ Donor Register, call 1800 777 203.



Remember

Relics, old ruins,
sea wrack, stones,
and countless tracks
on a blue and murky
shore.

A haunting violence,
forever written.

A blood-painted fence,
a line of torches.
Messengers under
faded kerchiefs
dried of tears.

Portraits of the missing
(presumed dead).

An apparition emerges
from the deep blue sea
Dripping blood and
tears.

Mother, have courage.

*A poem by Nikos
Theodorou from his book
...and it isn't even summer*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2009

REGISTRATION
MORNING COFFEE

09.30-10.15: Peter Murphy, The Spirit of Creation in the Long Run: A Meditation on the Idea of the University in the Age of Conspicuous Triviality

10.15-11.00: Simon Tormey, In search of the demoi: Castoriadis as a critic of representation

11.00-11.30: COFFEE BREAK

11.30-12.15: Jeff Klooger, The Meaning of Autonomy: Project, Self-Limitation, Collective Decision-Making and Socialism

12.15-1.00: Jeremy Smith, An Andean Castoriadis? New World conceptions of citizenship, autonomy and power after Westphalian statehood

1.00-2.00 pm - LUNCH BREAK

2.00-2.45: Jonathan Greenwood, On Infantilism and Maturity, with Cornelius Castoriadis and Emmanuelle Levinas

2.45-3.30: Karl E. Smith, Autonomy and Capitalism

3.30-3.45: COFFEE BREAK

3.45-4.30: Craig Browne, The Critique of Ideology and the Dilemmas of Rationality

4.30-5.15: Anthony Hayes, Cornelius Castoriadis and the crisis of Marxism



CONFERENCE DINNER AT THE ATHENIAN RESTAURANT SYDNEY - 6.30 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2009

9.00-9.30: REGISTRATION
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09.30-10.15: Dr George Vassilacopoulos & Toula Nicolopoulos, Philosophy as autonomous thinking: from Castoriadis to Plato and Hegel

10.15-11.00: Suzi Adams, Human Creation and Modernity: Cornelius Castoriadis, Johann P. Arnason, Maurice Merleau-Ponty with a nod towards Hans Blumenberg.

11.00-11.30: COFFEE BREAK

11.30-12.15: Tony Stephens, Sophocles' stasimon: "p???? t? de??? [...]" refracted through Castoriadis and Heidegger

12.15-1.00: Vrasidas Karalis, Castoriadis and his critique of Plato

1.00-2.00pm - LUNCH BREAK

2.00-2.45: Andrew Cooper, Between socialisation and autonomy: the contribution of Cornelius Castoriadis

2.45-3.30 -DISCUSSION

CORNELIUS CASTORIADIS IN THE ANTIPODES POST-CONFERENCE DINNER