

David Kaye? Yesss. Allspark Audio Interview

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It's the Battle of the Megatrons here on the Allspark as we bring you our second "Megatron" interview. This time from Beast Wars (and beyond) Megatron, David Kaye! David has taken time out of his mounting schedule to sit down with our own resident loudmouth, Rook (voiced by Daniel Ross), offering perspective of what it means to be so well known for so many different versions of a single character over the years, as well as information about his other projects. This is an "Allspark Audio" exclusive. Click below to listen, and read along.

Allspark Radio Presents...

as
Megatron

as
Rook

David Kaye
as
Cog

Daniel Ross

Peter Tagstrom

Rook: Greetings Neuroloaders! My name is Rook reporting to you live via Allspark Radio Transmission from Mouth04 Studios in Cybertron City. I have several guests here in the studio today. All of whom, barring one, bear the name Megatron. I also have a human voice actor from the planet Earth named David Kaye. David has starred in many cartoons over the years including parts in X-Men Evolution as Professor X, GI Joe Extreme as General Hawk, and Inuyasha as Sesshomaru. Amongst many onscreen performances, he is also widely known for his work on the human television series Beast Wars, Beast Machines, Armada, Energon, and Cybertron mimicking the dark and menacing voice of Megatron. Megatron(s) and David, welcome to our program! David: Thank you for having me. Megatron: (dark and menacing) Your spark will be mine Rook, and your little Cog too.. Rook: Yes, we've all heard that before.. I must say you're so adorable when you're threatening! Please have a seat next to the.. um.. pointy.. horned one.. Megatron: *growl* (followed by loud footsteps and loud clunky seat) Rook: Let me turn to David for a moment- David, before we begin, I'd like for you to meet my scraplet assistant Cog. Cog: Hello David! I'm so excited that you could join us! Rook has been telling me for years that he's dreamed of having you on his program, and that you would (said as if daydreaming) "shower me with presents". Rook: Um.. Cog, remember he's here for an interview.. I doubt he brought any goodies. Cog: (psychotic) BUT HE'S DAVID KAYE!! BRINGER OF GOODY-GOODS!!! *struggling noises, cog panting frantically through next line* Rook: Cog, I must insist that you calm yourself down and man the audio interface.. you're acting like a Corrilian slog-monster... David: Yes, I'll bring you presents. Lot's of presents.. *silence* Cog: Ok Rook, I'm going to go to the audio interface..... I love you. Rook: Oh my.. I must apologize, he's very upset that we missed the opportunity to visit 6 moons over cybertron last week. David: Uh.. My legs are starting to hurt. Rook: Hmm.. Guess I should loosen the ropes on your chair huh?.. haha... All right! Let's get on to some questions shall we? *Crescendo of growls from all the Megatrons* Rook: (nervously) I'll start with David. (clears throat) David, which came first.. the llama or the egg? David: Hmm.. let's see, which came first? The llama or the egg? Well, it must have been the egg, after all, that's where I came from. Yesss... Cog: BUT I THOUGHT HUMANS CAME FROM.. (muffled noises as Cog tries to spit out what he's saying) *Overlap Rooks lines* Rook: AH... YES! Hahaha!! OF COURSE you came from an egg David, I was actually being somewhat fecetious with that question but um... Do you mind pushing this button? David: Certainly. *Cog gets electrocuted as he has so many times before* Rook: Moving along.. was it a studio decision or a personal decision to make your Beast Wars/Beast Machines Megatron voice different from your Armada/Energon/Cybertron Megatron voice- and how did you achieve that distinction? David: The Beast Wars/Beast Machines Megatron came first, that was an adaptation- I came up with that voice, the Cybertron, the Energon/Armada thing came after, that's Japanese anime, and I just provided the voice as best I could. With Japanese anime of course there's only enough room to put the English language in after the three beeps and fill the lip flaps, so there wasn't much room to play- so the performance suffered, and I would just try to make it as close as I can and they kept y'know, that basic evil deep voice thing. Rook: Where did that trademark "yeeeeessss" come from? Was it a purely personal touch, or an inflection you were directed to use? David: Yesss.. Excellent... Yesss.. that came from me. It was part of the script I believe in the beginning of the Beast Wars thing, and I just sort of stretched the "S" out, and that became the thing, and they wanted me to keep that so I would add it in in various places. Rook: With all of your work in other series and on other types of projects, how do you feel about being so strongly identified as Megatron? David: It's fantastic. Megatron is one of my favorite characters. I'm glad people liked the work, and to follow in Frank Welker's footsteps, I think it's very cool, and I'm honored. Rook: As you should be! Now, the recent trend of Transformer shows has changed since you first appeared on Beast Wars. What are your thoughts on this switch to dubbing as compared to your work on Beast Wars and Beast Machines? David: I'm not a big fan of dubbing. That's just me, I like the fact that people can do a studio and do radio play we have free reign on the characters, and they draw to what we do. It's just a lot more fun and you get to see everybody, when you do dubbing or ADR as they call it- I've worked on Inuyasha for seven years, and I had no idea who else was in it aside from Richard. Rook: Have you started a Transformers collection, even of just the Megatrons you have played? David: I have a bit of a Transformers collection. I have a couple of little toys that were given to me from a couple

of Botcons, and I have all my different Megatron characters surrounding me and my studio here. Yeah, I'm a bit of a toy geek so I love that part of it. Rook: Which non-Transformers voice acting project has been your favorite? David: Lemme see, I loved doing the video game "Ratchet and Clank" I loved playing Clank - Little Clank, the robot, we must find Captain Quark quickly! I love doing him, he still lives, and I had fun doing a Strawberry which was kind of a pug, a dog, strawberry-dog-pug which was Coconut Fred's pet on Coconut Fred's fruit salad island. It's a Warner Brothers project, and he kind of sounds like WHIBEGUABASHUERANEK!

Rook: I have no idea what that meant, but some Junkions might get the wrong idea so be careful. What do you like playing or voicing more, good guys or bad guys? David: I like voicing- I like doing bad guys. There's just many levels and different ways you can go with it. And as far as on-camera, I still do it once in a while when I'm able to have time and I luck out and grab a part, but my favorite part where I live is behind the microphone. Rook: My sentiments exactly. Now David, you have a long list of commercial clients along with animation, video games, on-camera appearances... if you had to cut back on your schedule, what would be the first area of your work to get trimmed, and what would be the last? David: Well we've actually had to trim the anime part of it. The dubbing part. It just takes up a lot of time, and that had to go. The on-camera appearances have suffered, I just don't have time having a lot of commercial clients and radio television promo- and doing work for Fox sports network. So those two things have been cut back for sure. Rook: Well I certainly hope it's all for the best. Now please tell us, how did you move from broadcasting to voice acting? David: Got an agent a long time ago who didn't know I could do voices, and neither did I actually- I kinda lied actually and said "I have an audition for you for GI-Joe" and I didn't know even how to prepare for an audition, I showed up and I ended up getting a part in the GI-Joe series for DiC Animation playing General Hawk. That's how I started and I got really disinterested in radio at the time, after that happened.

Rook: Simply fascinating... In conclusion David, is there anything you would like to say to all of your adoring fans out there? David: It seems weird for me to say that I actually have fans, which is still kind of strange to me. I think it's very cool when people like what you do, and it's awesome to meet people from all over the globe. The cartoons that I've done have allowed me to travel, it is an honor that the stuff I do can be enjoyed by so many folks, so I really appreciate it. Rook: Excellent! David, I hope you don't mind if I keep you tied up for a bit, after all I wouldn't want you to "run off" and get squished by all these giant robots in the studio. David: Haha.. yeah... Ok. Rook: Now let's turn our attention to some of our more formidable guests. All with the prestigious name of Megatron.

Megatron(s): (all in unison, different versions) Yess... Rook: My first question is for you- Beast Wars Megatron. Did you personally know the Tripredacus council? Megatron: Yesss...(pause)
 Rook: Um... How would you describe your relationship with them? Megatron: Excellent.. Rook: Ok, BEAST MACHINES Megatron.. Megatron: *growl* Rook: (nervously) Ah.. Did you have a solid plan together after you consumed all the sparks leading up to your ascension? Megatron: Yesss... Rook: How did it feel becoming part of a squishy-green Cybertron? Megatron: *growl* Rook: Interesting..(pause) Rook: Armada Megatron- Megatron: Yess...
 Rook: Yes, Armada Megatron. How did it feel to augment yourself with the captured Minicons? Megatron: Excellent.. Rook: Did you notice a distinct difference in your power levels when you would do so? Megatron: Yess... Rook: Ahem.. Horny? Megatron: Yess... Rook: Mhm.. well said. Energon Megatron, you seemed to have less of a "going problem" as much as you had a "growing problem", do you feel that your size and performance were increased after popping some of that blue energon? Megatron: Hahahah!!! Yess... Rook: Would you care to share any thoughts on Shockblast? Megatron: *growl* Rook: Mhm, not a fan.. Ok, how about a question now for Cybertron Megatron- Megatron: Excellent.. Rook: Aha, excellent indeed. Do you like racing on the Speed Planet? Megatron: Yess... Rook: Did you dislike being beaten by the likes of Metroplex?
 Megatron: Yess... Rook: How did you go about infusing yourself with armor used from Unicron's old body pieces?(long pause) Megatron: Yess... Rook: Uhm.. yes? Megatron: Yess... Rook: Uhm.. would you care to share anything else?(long pause) Megatron: Yess... Rook: Well, I'd like some more content here so I'm going to return to Beast Wars Megatron. Megatron(s): *growl* (one- "Excellent.." at the tail end) Rook: With one who insisted on calling you the Queen, another whose main function was getting blown up several times a mission, and several more who spent most of their time scheming and plotting behind your back, how often did you think of destroying your own troops? Megatron: I think of destroying my troops almost on a daily basis actually. They get on my nerves. Rook: Megatron, your love for that adorable rubber duck is one of your most notable features. Please, tell us just why you love that magnificent mallard so? (Can you sing the Rubber Duckie song?) Megatron: He's a departure from reality actually, and I love him so.. "Rubber ducky, you're the one, rubber ducky so much fun.. hmmmhmmhmmmmmm..."
 Rook: But how do you keep from getting your joints rusty taking so many baths? Megatron: WD-40 does wonders! Rook: Imagine a multiverse with no Autobots, no Maximals: Absolutely no plucky young heroes wielding mythical weapons, or silverbacked knuckledraggers standing in your way. What do you do first? Megatron(s): What do I do first, ah yes- I know.. I'M GOING TO DISNEYLAND! HAHAHAAAA!!!! Rook: Alright Megatron! Any last words for your adoring fans out there? Megatron: The Ark will be mine! Rook: Beast Machines Megatron? Megatron: The sparks will be mine! Rook: Armada Megatron? Megatron: The Minicons will be mine! Rook: Energon Megatron? Megatron: The Energon will be mine! Rook: Cybertron Megatron? Megatron: The Planet Keys will be mine! Cog: THE PRESENTS WILL BE MINE!!!!!! MUAHAHAHAHA!!!(que music) Rook: Well that's all the time we have for today, many thanks to David and MegatronZ for speaking with us, and as always thanks to our technical staff! History does always favor the victor at the expense of truth, but we here at this program are trying to change all that. For everyone here at the Allspark radio frequency, this is Rook.. signing off. The Allspark and it's staff would like to thank David for taking time out of his busy schedule to have some fun with us and his fans. We wish him great success with all his endeavors.

