

Goonies' star back in Cannon Beach

■ Feldman hasn't laid eyes on Haystack Rock since filming of the Goonies

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Where ever Corey Feldman goes he gets recognized. That means he has no privacy.

But he doesn't seem to mind all that much. He was genuinely flattered while receiving fans on a recent visit to Cannon Beach.

Feldman rolled into town Aug. 31 with the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema's Rolling Road Show. He came to see a screening of the Goonies, a 1985 Steven Spielberg and Richard Donner movie which was partially filmed in Cannon Beach and Feldman starred in as a child.

The Roadshow traveled to 11 sites, showing films in the original locations at which they were shot. Other showings included Close Encounters of the Third Kind at Devil's Tower, Wyo. Feldman only attended the Goonies screening in Astoria. He stayed at the Haystack Resort Motel in Cannon Beach.

His wife, Susie Feldman, who personifies the Los Angeles image of beauty, attended the screening with him and was very gracious. At one point she even offered to take pictures of Feldman with his fans.

Feldman just got off Broadway where he starred in a "comedy spoof" of the 1987 movie Fatal Attraction. His character was based on the role Michael Douglas played in the film.

Feldman hadn't been to Cannon Beach since he filmed the movie Goonies more than 20 years ago. He hadn't laid eyes on Haystack Rock since he shot those now famous scenes.

"It was really the great children's adventure movie of its time," Feldman said of why people love the Goonies. "It's a family film that appeals to all ages."

Feldman added he had a special connection to his Goonies character "Mouth." As a child, Feldman's "defense mechanism was based on humor" and his mouth often got him in trouble.

But until the Sept. 1 screening, he hadn't seen the movie in 15 years. About seven years ago he got together with the original cast to do commentary for the DVD but he said they didn't really watch it because they were "too busy making jokes" and having a good time.

He estimates 60 to 70 percent of his fans recognize him from the Goonies. But Feldman has rubbed elbows with the likes of Tom Hanks in the movie The Burbs, in which he plays the punk-rock neighbor boy Ricky.

Feldman also starred in the 1986 movie Stand By Me with Richard Dreyfuss, Kiefer Sutherland, and the late River Phoenix. That film was based on Stephen King's novel, "The Body."

The early '90s marked a difficult time for Feldman. He was at a low point in his career and was having difficulty transitioning from being a beloved child star of the '80s to an adult.

"Once you're a movie star you can't really change your vocation," he said, adding some of his child-star friends were "harassed" when they took jobs outside the movie industry.

Feldman has lived in Los Angeles all of his life. Along with being on Broadway, he's been lending his voice to a Disney cartoon series called "Super Robot Monkey Team Hyper Force."

He's also produced a film titled Birthday that he anticipates will come out in 2006.



Actor Corey Feldman and his wife.

Photo by Cindy Dauer

He described it as a "psychological thriller black romantic comedy" and said it's making the rounds at film festivals.

Feldman is working on his fourth rock n' roll album. He's done solo music projects but also collaborated with his band "Truth Movement."

For Feldman, the hardest part about being famous is the lack of privacy. He referred to the tabloids as "gossip rags" and mentioned rumors that have circulated about him on the Internet.

The pressures of always being in the spotlight were visible while he was in Cannon Beach. The makeup that covered his face was only noticeable because there was a small glob on his ear. His chest had been recently shaved and he was wearing dark

Rayban sunglasses.

He sported a v-neck tank top under a stylish black trench coat coupled with white pinstripe pants.

Susie wore a Bohemian style blouse and came out of the motel room smoking.

Feldman has tried to shed the bad boy image he earned for his turbulent teenage years.

"I did a lot of drugs in the '80s," he said, adding he is sober and no longer drinks alcohol.

Feldman and Susie now have a 1-year-old son. Feldman looked healthy and happy. He was very thoughtful and deliberate with his words when he spoke. He said being in Cannon Beach "brought back good memories."