

Sir Ivan; Peaceman, the Quest for Super

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Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to buy whole buildings with a single check. Ivan Wilzig -- or as he likes to be known, Sir Ivan -- is an eccentric guy. He wears a meticulously tailored "peace cape." He owns a castle in the Hamptons where legendary parties rival those seen in the movies. He lives a life described to me like Dudley Moore's Arthur without all the drunkenness. He is focused on his music and his image. I run into him everywhere, and he always has time to chat. Despite the legendary wealth, Eyes Wide Shut castle, and the eccentricities of his caped attire, Sir Ivan is a very accessible guy. He's keenly aware that walking around in a cape with a sequined peace sign on it will provoke a response -- often "That guy's nuts." I wonder who is more nuts ...Ivan or the fools who chain themselves to desks every day to pay for 500 square feet with a refrigerator and a TV. Ivan Wilzig is certainly out there, and instead of sitting on poles of money on a beach somewhere, he gives a lot of it to charities and spends a lot of time entertaining people. His Sir Ivan character is making music about peace, man.