

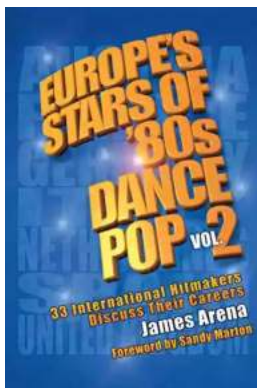
# The Secret Lives of 33 International Hitmakers - What Inspires Them to Make Music?

Everyone loves a good hit song - those tunes that get stuck in your head, make you want to dance, or bring tears to your eyes. But have you ever wondered about the stories behind those songs? What drives the artists that create them? In this exclusive interview series, we delve into the lives and careers of 33 international hitmakers, unravelling their inspirations and motivations that have led to their success.

From pop sensations and rock legends to hip-hop artists and country crooners, this collection of interviews offers a captivating glimpse into the music industry and the minds of these talented artists. Each story is as unique as the artists themselves, providing an insight into their personal journeys, struggles, and triumphs.

## The Power of Passion

Passion is a driving force for many hitmakers, fueling their creativity and pushing them to new heights. Tracing their steps from humble beginnings to global fame, we learn about the early experiences that ignited their love for music.



## Europe's Stars of '80s Dance Pop Vol. 2: 33 International Hitmakers Discuss Their Careers

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In one interview, a Grammy-winning singer-songwriter shares a touching story of a childhood spent tinkering on a worn-out piano in a small apartment. Another artist describes the transformative power of attending their first concert, where the energy of the crowd ignited a dormant spark within.

## **Influences and Collaborations**

Behind every great hitmaker, there is a web of influences and collaborations that have shaped their sound. We explore the artists that have left an indelible mark on these musicians, from childhood heroes to unexpected mentors.

One internationally renowned DJ opens up about the impact of a chance meeting with a musical idol, which set them on a path towards becoming a pioneer in their genre. Another artist reveals how a collaboration with a renowned producer transformed their creative process, resulting in a string of chart-topping hits.

## **Challenges and Triumphs**

The path to success is seldom smooth, and hitmakers are no exception. From facing rejection and battling personal demons to overcoming industry skepticism, their stories remind us that even the most accomplished artists have faced adversity.

One musician reflects on the difficult decision to pursue their passion against their family's wishes, leading to years of struggle before finally achieving recognition.

Another artist shares their battle with self-doubt and mental health, emphasizing the importance of resilience in forging a successful career.

## **Music That Transcends Borders**

Music has the power to unite people from all walks of life, erasing boundaries and igniting emotions. We explore how hitmakers have used their songs to connect with global audiences, touching hearts and inspiring change.

A world-renowned pop star recounts the overwhelming response to a song that became an anthem of hope during times of adversity, uniting people across countries and cultures. Another artist discusses the profound effect of performing in foreign lands, realizing that music has the ability to communicate beyond language barriers.

## **The Stories Behind the Hits**

Every hit song tells a story, and in this collection of interviews, hitmakers take us behind the scenes to reveal the inspirations and meanings behind their chart-topping tracks.

We discover the bittersweet tale of lost love that inspired a timeless ballad, as well as the unexpected events that led to a catchy summer anthem. From heartbreak to personal growth, each story contributes to our understanding of the human experience, resonating with listeners around the globe.

## **Continuing the Legacy**

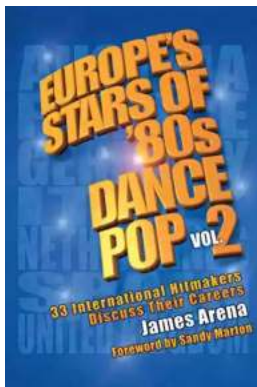
As established hitmakers, these artists have achieved great success, but they also understand the importance of paving the way for the next generation. They share their insights and advice with aspiring musicians and reveal their hopes for the future of the industry.

Some discuss the necessity of authenticity and staying true to one's artistry, while others emphasize the importance of embracing new technologies and trends. From mentorship programs to philanthropic endeavors, these talented individuals are committed to ensuring that music remains a vital part of our cultural fabric.

## A Musical Journey to Be Explored

Whether you're a die-hard music enthusiast or simply curious about the lives of international hitmakers, this exclusive interview series offers an immersive experience that celebrates the power of music and the individuals who create it.

Through in-depth conversations and personal anecdotes, we gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to make it in the music industry. So, join us on this captivating journey as 33 international hitmakers share their careers, one story at a time.



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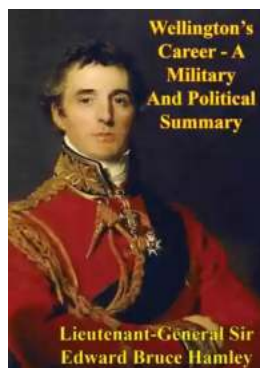
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Beginning early in the 1980s, dance-pop music artists in Europe and the UK ignited a high energy firestorm that burned across international borders. As exciting new beats flooded radio airwaves and filled the clubs, a generation of hitmakers got the world on its feet and brought people together as never before. In this book of original English language interviews, 33 celebrated singers, songwriters, producers and industry professionals who reached the top of the European, British and American charts during this era share personal memories of their lives, careers and unforgettable hits. They include Dutch remix master Ben Liebrand ("Lovely Day - The Sunshine Mix" by Bill Withers), Sven van Veen of MC Miker G & DJ Sven ("Holiday Rap"), Walter Werzowa of Edelweiss ("Bring Me Edelweiss"), Engelbert Humperdinck (Träumen Mit Engelbert LP), Helen Scott of The Three Degrees ("The Heaven I Need"), Marcus Gabler of O.K. ("OKAY!"), Lino Nicolosi of Valerie Dore ("The Night"), Tracy Spencer ("Run To Me"), Tony Esposito ("Kalimba De Luna"), Chaz Jankel ("Glad To Know You"), Kurt René Plisnier of Opus ("Live Is Life"), Jean-Pierre Morgand of Les Avions ("Nuit Sauvage"), Stedman Pearson of Five Star ("System Addict"), Lian Ross ("Fantasy"), Francesco Napoli ("Balla..Balla - Italian Hit Connection"), Precious Wilson, Judy Cheeks, Savage, producer Christian de Walden and more. Special commentary by Sandy Marton ("People From Ibiza") and Christa Mikulski (General Director of ZYX Records). Here is the full list of artists interviewed or offering commentary in this edition: Foreword by Sandy Marton - "People From Ibiza" Mario Aldini - "Italo Boot Mix" Series Judy Cheeks - "I Still Love You" Debut De Soiree - Sacha Goëller - "Nuit De Folie" Christian De Walden producer of Amanda Lear, Thomas Anders, et al. Edelweiss - Walter Werzowa - "Bring Me Edelweiss" Engelbert - Engelbert Humperdinck - "Traumen Mit Engelbert" LP Tony Esposito - "Kalimba De Luna" Five Star - Stedman Pearson - "All Fall Down" Pierluigi Giombini - producer of Ryan Paris, Gazebo Gold - Alain Llorca - "Capitaine Abandonné" José Hoebee - "I Will Follow Him" Chaz Jankel - "Glad To Know You" Les Avions - Jean-Pierre Morgand - "Nuit Sauvage" Ben Liebrand -

remixer of "Happy Station" (Fun Fun), et al. Pedro Marín - "Aire" MC Miker G & DJ Sven - Sven van Veen - "Holiday Rap" Francesco Napoli - "Balla..Balla - The Italian Hit Connection" O.K. - Marcus Gabler - "OKAY!" Opus - Kurt René Plisnier - "Live Is Life" Carlos Pérez - "Las Manos Quietas" Rondò Veneziano - Maestro Gian Piero Reverberi - "La Serenissima" Lian Ross - "Fantasy" Marco Sabiu - remixer of "I Love My Radio" (Taffy), et al. Savage - "Don't Cry Tonight" Silent Circle - Jürgen CC Behrens and Martin Tychsen - "Touch In The Night" Tracy Spencer - "Run To Me" The Three Degrees - Helen Scott - "Set Me Free" The Twins - Ronny Schreinzer - "Ballet Dancer" Valerie Dore - Lino Nicolosi - "The Night" Precious Wilson - formerly of Eruption, "Cry To Me" Afterword by Christa Mikulski - General Director of ZYX Records Bonus Beats: Noteworthy albums - commentary from Michael Scholz of Blue System and Johann Perrier (producer of Bad Boys Blue) Other books in this dance music series: First Ladies of Disco Legends of Disco Europe's Stars of 80s Dance Pop Stars of 90s Dance Pop Stars of 21st Century Dance Pop & EDM



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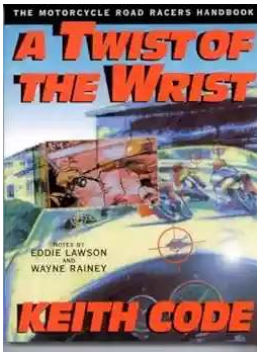
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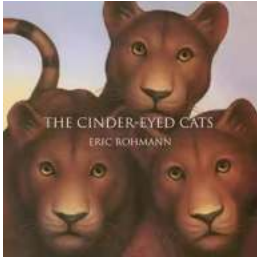
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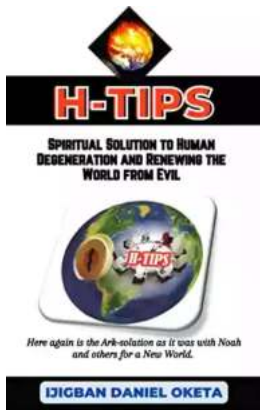
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