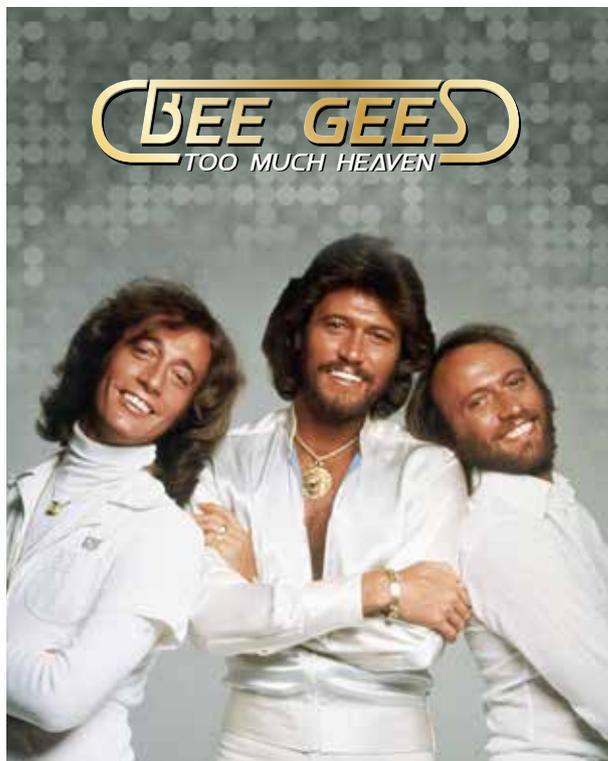


**BEE GEES TOO MUCH HEAVEN**

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The Bee Gees were formed in 1958. Their lineup consisted of brothers Barry, Robin, and Maurice Gibb. The trio were especially successful as a popular music act in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and later as prominent performers of the disco music era in the mid-to-late 1970s with the soundtrack album 'Saturday Night Fever'. The group sang recognisable three-part tight harmonies; Robin's clear vibrato lead vocals were a hallmark of their earlier hits, while Barry's R&B falsetto became their signature sound during the mid-to-late 1970s and 1980s. The Bee Gees wrote all of their own hits, as well as writing and producing several major hits for other artists. The Bee Gees are widely referred to by many critics, media outlets and fellow artists as the Kings of Disco. The Bee Gees have sold over 120 million records worldwide making them one of the world's best-selling artists of all time.

They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997; the presenter of the award to "Britain's first family of harmony" was Brian Wilson, of the Beach Boys. The Bee Gees' Hall of Fame citation says, "Only Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Michael Jackson, Garth Brooks and Paul McCartney have outsold the Bee Gees." The Bee Gees are the third most successful band in Billboard charts history after the Beatles and the Supremes.

Following Maurice's death in January 2003 at the age of 53, Barry and Robin retired the group's name after 45 years of activity. In 2009, Robin announced that he and Barry had agreed the Bee Gees would re-form and perform again. Robin died in May 2012, aged 62, leaving Barry as the only surviving member of the group. This is their incredible story.

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- The Bee Gees had 8 No 1 Singles on The Billboard Charts
  - 5 No 1 UK singles
  - 6 Grammy Awards
- Saturday Night Fever sold over 40 million copies and spent 24 weeks at No 1 in the USA in 1978.
- A major Paramount Hollywood film biopic on the Bee Gees life is scheduled in 2021 produced with the Gibb family.

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