

# The Bee Gees



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\* The Bee Gees were brothers Barry, Robin & Maurice Gibb

\* Formed in 1958

\* Originally from England, moved to Australia, then back to England & eventually the United States

\* Known for their three-part close harmonies

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\* Their three part harmonies have been compared to the Beatles

\* Had two distinct periods of success...late 60's/early 70's & their disco year (mid-late 70's)

\* After many hits in England their first U.S. hit was not until 1971

\* 1971 *How Can You Mend A Broken Heart*



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\* After about 3 years with no hits in the early-mid 70's, Eric Clapton suggested they move to Miami to work on their music

\* They started creating more rhythmic disco songs which led to their 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. #1 in 1975

\* 1975 *Jive Talkin*

\* The Bee Gees wrote, produced and edited all of their own songs



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\* With Barry singing falsetto it created a different sound which would later become the Bee Gees trademark

\* 1976 *You Should Be Dancing*

\* *You Should Be Dancing* pushed the Bee Gees to a new level of stardom

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\* In 1977 The Bee Gees agree to work on the soundtrack to a movie called *Saturday Night Fever*



\* This would be a turning point in their career as the cultural impact of the movie was felt not just in the U.S. but all over the world

\* Ironically the Bee Gees did not become involved until post-production of the movie

\* John Travolta said during the filming of the movie he was dancing to the music of Stevie Wonder



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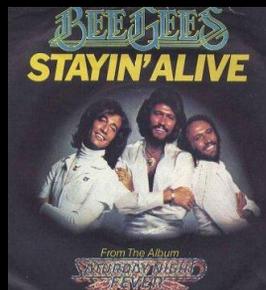
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\* The *Saturday Night Fever* soundtrack did not begin the disco craze, it simply extended it



\* The Bee Gees had three #1 hits from the SNF soundtrack

\* 1977 *Stayin' Alive*

\* 1977 *How Deep Is Your Love*

\* 1977 *Night Fever*

\* All of these songs reached #1 in the U.S. and all over the world

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\* During an 8 month period beginning in late 1977 six songs by the Bee Gees were at #1 for 25 out of 32 weeks

\* The Bee Gees had a younger brother, Andy Gibb, who was also becoming a star



\* In 1988 Andy Gibb died due to a case of myocarditis

\* Right before Andy's death The Bee Gees had decided to add him to the group

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\* Maurice Gibb died in 2003 from a heart attack

\* Robin Gibb battle liver cancer and passed away in 2012



\* Barry Gibb performed for the last time in Oct. 2013

\* The Bee Gees were heavily influenced by the Beatles & Everly Brothers

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