

# MARCIA BARRETT of Boney M.



Born in Jamaica, raised and educated in England, Marcia Barrett first found fame as a solo performer in Germany in the early 70's. In 1969 Marcia took up an offer to dance in a discotheque near Hamburg. One evening she spontaneously reached for the microphone and sang Oh Happy Day, never realising that it would be the start of a phenomenal world wide career. For the next five years she toured around Germany performing her repertoire which included "Belfast" (a song that was specially written for her and later a Boney M. hit).

In 1976 she joined the now legendary Boney M. She spent fifteen years as a vital vocalist and performer for the group, contributing her powerful and distinctive voice to many of their biggest hits including "We Kill The World", "Belfast" "Ma Baker" and "Rivers Of Babylon"/"Brown Girl In The Ring" (that stayed at the top of the UK charts for five weeks) amongst many others as well as the seasonal chart topper "Mary's Boy Child/Oh My Lord". Their albums "Take The Heat Off Me", "Love For Sale", "Oceans Of Fantasy", "The Magic Of Boney M.", "Boonoonoonoos", "10'000 Light Years", "Eye Dance" and "Christmas With Boney M." also hit the top of the charts. "Nightflight To Venus" became the groups best selling album and one of the best selling albums in Europe ever.

Marcia has accomplished many things in her professional career. With Boney M. she sold in excess of 150 million records and collected more than 800 golden, platinum, and silver discs as well as numerous awards. She has twice appeared in the Guinness book of records, pertaining to record sales. Marcia also had the distinct honour of performing for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Boney M. also became the very first pop group from the West to perform in the then Soviet Union. At the end of their career Boney M. had fifteen Nr 1 chart hits and countless other hits around the world.

At the edge of the new century Marcia Barrett started her comeback. After having fought cancer twice in the last ten years, she was ready to rock. Fans around the world were already celebrating her long anticipated solo recording, aptly entitled "SURVIVAL", sold over the internet. Marcia's message on "Survival" is one of hope for the future and reaches out to all. But fate struck again when Marcia was diagnosed with another two bouts of cancer. But the true fighter Marcia is she has won over the illness and was eager to return to her passion. Hey Joe was the first result of that neverending love for music. In the summer of 2005 Marcia's comeback CD "Come Into My Life" followed and was receiving good reviews by critics.

After another bout of cancer in 2008 Marcia picked up her solo career with a positive determination, establishing together with her team a record company and releasing a fine dance track; a rework of "Seeing Is Believing". Now Marcia Barrett is about to release her new (double) album entitled "Seasons". Raw, honest, emotional, happy, sad; like the seasons, Marcia's brilliant new album brings to the listener a range of different moods and emotions. Among the collaborators are big names like Colin Towns (Ian Gillan Band), Eddy Grant, Jimmy "Senyah" Haynes (of Aswad) and late Clarence Clemons. Next to the title track are as well a cover of Edwyn Collins "A Girl Like You" the fantastic single release "Far Away From Lonely" and "Seasons". In 2018 Marcia's long awaited memoir "Forward" got published by the renowned publishing company Little Brown UK.