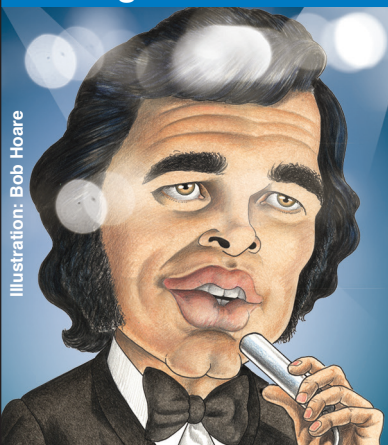


King of romance

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ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

- ▶ **Born:** May 2, 1936 in *Madras, India*, as *Arnold George Dorsey*. Family later moves to Leicester, England
- ▶ **Plays saxophone from age 11, before switching to singing**
- ▶ **Adopts stage name *Engelbert Humperdinck* on advice of manager *Gordon Mills***
- ▶ **At its peak, 1967 hit *Release Me* sells 85,000 copies daily**
- ▶ **Has sold over 140 million records in 40-year career**
- ▶ **Homes include *Pink Palace*, flamboyant mansion once owned by film star *Jayne Mansfield***
- ▶ **Known simply as Engelbert in Germany and Austria – heirs of 19th century operatic composer sued him for adopting same name**
- ▶ **Career-spanning retrospective box set, with 60 of his greatest hits, released on May 1, one day before *Hump's* 70th birthday**