

Bee Gees legend Robin Gibb – 1949-2012

Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb – alongside his brothers Barry and Maurice – created five decades of chart hits and sold more than 200 million albums



■ **1950s:** Gibb brothers start performing in Manchester, England

■ **Mid-1960s:** Brothers return to England after spending time in Australia. Singing lead on 1967 recording of flower power hit *Massachusetts*, 17-year-old Robin draws comparisons with the Beatles

■ **1968:** *I've Gotta Get a Message to You* and *I Started a Joke* reach Top Ten. Trio split briefly following failure of concept album *Odessa*

■ **1970s:** Group reunites with hits *Lonely Days* (1970), *How Can You Mend a Broken Heart* (1971), and ground-breaking album *Main Course* (1975), their first album to include disco rhythms and Barry Gibb's falsetto harmonies. Album's *Jive Talkin'* becomes their second American number one single

■ **1976:** *Children of the World* – which yields hits *You Should Be Dancing* and *Love So Right* – puts Bee Gees at forefront of disco era

■ **1977:** Sound track to film *Saturday Night Fever* stays atop album charts for 24 weeks. *Spirits Having Flown* (1979) and *Saturday Night Fever* yield five number one hits, making Bee Gees the only group in pop history to write, produce and record that many consecutive chart-topping singles

■ **1997:** Trio inducted into *Rock and Roll Hall of Fame*

■ Trio continue to perform until death of Maurice in 2003. Individually and together they write huge hits for other stars including Barbra Streisand, Diana Ross, and Kenny Rogers

■ **May 20, 2012:** Robin Gibb dies