SIR 365 Las Vegas **vocal by: Paul Bristow** **Release Date: Vinyl, MP3 and CD – 2008 / 03**

Singing Call MS-57

Original artists: Tony Christie

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ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITER: Callander Murray
PUBLISHERS: Universal – Polygram International Tune
OBO Murray Callander Music Inc.

Tony Christie was born, Anthony Fitzgerald on 25th of April 1943 in Conisborough, South Yorkshire. In 1969 Tony landed a solo contract with the US giant, MCA records, which led him to work with the best producers in the business. Mitch Murray and Peter Callander worked with Tony to produce a string of hits around the world. Among the hit singles and albums came the mighty Las Vegas, which was released as a single in 1970. Tony is still a very active, successful and much loved performer.

This was one of the tracks that we recorded, using George Tidwell on the Trumpet; George plays the haunting introduction that sets the mood for this tune and also plays on the leads and fills throughout. Listen also for the "string section" on this release, this features Rob Hojacos leading a full string section, played by Roger Morris on his keyboard. I have to say that this gets a great reaction, wherever I use it; the dancers enjoy it and the callers want to be able to use it – this is a great release!

Additional Lyrics:

The lord above made the world for us, but the devil made Las Vegas

Hey Las Vegas, can nothing save us from you
Night after night, watching the wheel go round
Hey Las Vegas the devil gave us to you
One of these days, I'm gonna burn you down

Oh Las Vegas, you'll be the death of me,
city of sin oh what a mess Im in, look what youve done to me

Oh Las Vegas, Im losing everything,
why do I stay when every game I play, I just get deeper in

One black Sunday, I came to visit you,
just for a day, to pass some time away and shoot a game or two

Oh Las Vegas that was a year ago,
what can I do you've got me hooked on you and I can never go

Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the eleventh group of releases on Sting and Snow that were recorded in Nashville, during November 2006. A total of fourteen songs were recorded during this session, which was the sixth to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow. On this occasion, Paul had his family with him to provide moral AND technical support! Also in attendance at this session was Snow Recording Artist: Wil Stans.

Recorded in November 2006, the music still features the top musicians in Nashville: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader playing all lead Guitars, Terry MacMillan on Harmonica and percussion, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Jerry Kroon on Drums, Roger Morris on Piano and Keyboards, Fiddle by Rob Hojacos, Larry Paxton on Bass Guitar, Rhythm Guitar was played by Bruce Watkins and Mark Catstevens, with Bruce also on Banjo. We also had George Tidwell on Trumpet and Kevin McManus (studio owner) as the engineer.

Acknowledgement to Royal Records:

We are indebted to Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine who introduced us to the studio in Nashville and invited us to use the top-of-the-line professional session musicians that they had assembled, to play for Royal Records.