

## UMBERTO TOZZI - 30 Years of Gloria

On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Gloria's** prize-giving as **The Pop Song Of The Year** by the American National Music Publishers' Association, **Music Show International** is proud to introduce **Umberto Tozzi Tour 2013**



With more than **50 millions** of records sold, Umberto Tozzi is one of the most popular Italian artist all over the world.

In **1968**, at the age of 16, **Umberto Tozzi** joined Off Sound, performing in small venues around Turin.

In **1974 Tozzi** had his first success as a songwriter, with the song **Un corpo, un'anima**, co-written with **Damiano Dattoli** and performed by **Wess** and **Dori Ghezzi**. It appeared

on **Canzonissima**, an Italian music program running from 1956 to 1974.

In **1976**, he released his first album, **Donna amante mia**, from which came the single **Io camminerò** that at the time had been sung with great success by **Fausto Leali**.

In **1977**, was released one of **Tozzi's** most famous songs – **Ti amo**. It stayed at number one on the Italian charts for seven months, outselling every other record, and went on to become an international success throughout continental Europe. It also made some inroads in the Americas and Australia. The single won a gold record award in Australia.

The following year **Tozzi** recorded perhaps his most famous song, **Gloria**. It was a huge success in Italy in 1979 and 1980. The cover version by American singer **Laura Branigan** brought **Tozzi's** name to attention in the USA in 1982, and the song has been included in **Flashdance** movie soundtrack.

The early years of the **1980s** saw the release of the album **Tozzi**, recorded in concert with a band of American musicians – his first live record.

After a period of absence from the music scene, **Tozzi** returned in **1987** and won the **Sanremo Music Festival** with **Si può dare di più**, sung with **Gianni Morandi** and **Enrico Ruggeri**. **1987** was also the year of **Gente Di Mare**, performed with **Raf** at **Eurovision**, which saw them taking the third place.



In **1988 Tozzi** released his second live album, **Tozzi At The Royal Albert Hall**, recorded in the homonymous legendary London theatre.

In the **1990s**, **Tozzi** continued to record, resulting in songs such as **Gli altri siamo noi**, the album **Equivocando**, **Il grido** and **Aria e cielo**. He also released a greatest hits compilation, **Le mie canzoni**.

In **2000** and **2005**, he performed **Un'altra vita** and **Le Parole** at the **Sanremo Music Festival**. Between the two participations, he released a duet with French singer **Lena Ka** of his classic **Ti amo** as **Ti amo (Rien que des mots)**.

**Tozzi** also released another greatest hits compilation, a 2-disc set entitled **The best of**, and another single, **E non volo**.

In **2012**, **Tozzi** released throughout Europe the collection **Yesterday, Today**, which includes 36 of his greatest hits in a special edition.

He's currently working on a new album of unreleased tracks.