

INDIE STAR **EDIE DORIAN** **RISES** TO FAME

*"I will forever be grateful for the opportunity I was given, I wouldn't be here without the help of **Paul Epworth**."*

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Edie Dorian grew up as an only child, and her family experienced many financial struggles meaning she didn't have much access to things like other children had. She always reminded her parents how grateful she was, knowing that they only wanted what was best for her. On her 8th birthday, her parents gathered together the money to buy her a guitar as she had always had a love for music, and wanted to make her birthday more enjoyable!

Things didn't always go as planned and her dad got fired from his job, which left the Dorian's struggling to afford to pay for their bills. By accepting that they could no longer afford to pay their bills, they resulted in living on the streets of Manchester. Edie kept her guitar with her and began busking on the streets to see if she could earn a little more money to afford food, water etc. Over time they had earned some money, but sadly not enough to live off. Luckily, Edie was becoming quite the success and was creating a substantial audience all around her. The big crowd of people caught the attention of many people but one man changed her life drastically. This man is called Paul Epworth and has worked with many famous artists in the past, and he stated that, "As soon as I heard her voice, I knew she had great

potential". Paul gave Edie an offer of a lifetime. He wanted to work with her and help her create her own music to release. Edie was thrilled and took him up on his offer almost immediately as she knew if she became a hit, she could earn money to help support her and her family. Since this, Edie has become quite the star which has inspired many others. From busking on the streets to being the headline of magazine articles! Edie states;

"NEVER DID I THINK I WOULD MAKE IT THIS FAR, FROM PLAYING MY GUITAR IN THE STREETS TO PLAYING AT WEMBLEY STADIUM IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE!"

In the future there has been potential rumours of Edie collabing with Darcey Hodgson to create a hit, and there's hope for it to reach number 1 in the charts! This is a huge achievement for Edie because despite her challenging experiences, she has still managed to become a success and discover her passion in music. As she states; "I believe you should take up every opportunity that gets thrown at you, you never know where it could take you."