

INDIE STAR EDIE DORIAN



RISE TO FAME

DIY ARTIST SHOW'S THE DIFFICULTIES FACED IN HER LIFETIME WHICH EMERGED HER MUSICAL ABILITY TO WHERE SHE IS TODAY, A SUCCESSFUL, INSPIRING STAR.

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Edie Dorian grew up as an only child. Her family experienced many financial struggles meaning she didn't have much access to things like other children had. Her mother and father were both dedicated musicians, singing and playing in local pubs. 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 saved the money to buy her a guitar as she had always had a love for music, and had been fascinated by their musical skills. However, owning her own guitar was fundamental to her own growth and development as a musician and was soon trying to accompany her parents whilst they rehearsed regularly at home.

Things didn't always go as planned and her parents lost their positioning in the pub to perform, which left the Dorian's struggling to afford to pay for their bills. By accepting their situation, they resulted in living on the streets of Manchester. Edie kept her guitar with her and began busking on the streets to earn a little more money to afford to eat. She covered many songs by The Cranberries, Florence and The Machine, and Arctic Monkeys who were all her ultimate inspirations. Over time they had earned some money, but sadly not enough to live off. Luckily, Edie was becoming quite the success and was creating an audience. The big crowd of people caught the attention of many passing people around 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 offer her regular slots on a Tuesday night to perform in front of a small crowd in a music hall just out of Manchester. 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. "I will forever be grateful for the opportunity I was given, I wouldn't be here without the help of Paul Epworth."

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

Since this, Edie has become the ultimate indie star which has inspired many others. From busking on the streets to being the headline of magazine articles! In the future there has been potential rumours of Edie collabing with Darcey Hodgson and there's hope for it to reach number 1 in the charts! You can discover more on page 85. 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."