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# INTERNATIONAL STAR



# VERNON

## SEES THRU "The Eyes Of Love"

BY TERRY DONOVAN

**I**t was a Saturday evening in late April during torrential down pours of rain that blanketed Tortola, British Virgin Islands when I visited **Vernon Pickering**, known in the entertainment world simply as "**Vernon**" at his magnificent home overlooking Road Town Harbor. As I entered his elegant dimly lit dining room where I

joined **Vernon** and friends for a sumptuous dinner, we were like old friends reuniting.

His charm, sense of humor and eloquence made it a delightful and entertaining evening as we spoke about his amazing career which boasts twenty eight albums and four mega-hits to his most recent album, "**The Eyes of Love**". Vernon was approached by Warner

Entertainment Chappell Music to work on this album, which features theme songs to an Italian movie, "**The Eyes of Love**".

In February, Vernon's album made its debut on iTunes, Napster and an additional 120 portals on the net plus his website, [www.vernonstyle.com](http://www.vernonstyle.com) which receives an average of 3000 hits a day from net surfers all over the globe.

His album is a compilation of seventeen sultry love songs in English, French, Spanish and Italian, perfect for easy listening. Some of the songs have been in Vernon's repertory for many years, others are songs that he cherished and enjoys singing. He calls them his "little secrets".

The album is doing very well especially his single, "**Mambo Orgasmo**", created in three versions; Reggae ton, Salsa Latina and Traditional and is climbing the charts around the world. The Reggae ton version of "Mambo Orgasmo" is a big hit in discotheques in Europe and the Salsa Latina version in Great Britain and South America.

A recent article published in Austria described his flavorful number as "a shining Mambo, meeting between the scent of the Virgin Islands and the Anglo-Latin modern rhythm, by Vernon, a great international performer. His voice can be both powerful and sensual, and full of life".

Vernon's love and passion for music and singing has landed him several roles on Broadway in New York and London's West End stages in major productions including, "Show Boat", "Hair" and "Jesus Christ Superstar". He has dazzled audiences as far as Australia to the Caribbean with his romantic and sensual ballads and has also appeared on numerous television shows in Europe and the United States.

This fall, Vernon is scheduled for a series of interviews and television appearances in Europe and will be recording another single. His earlier album, "American Woman" and his hit of the 1980's, "You Forever" (Come Prima) are being transferred to the digital media and repackaged for publication and distribution in the winter.

Vernon, also known as an author, has recently been honored as a "Hero of the Virgin Islands" for his contribution to the community and history of the Virgin Islands. He has published two important history books, "Early History of the British Virgin Islands - from Columbus to Emancipation" and "Concise History of the British Virgin Islands - from the Amerindians to 1986".

However, Vernon's love for music will always be at the forefront of his life and he is looking forward to his upcoming exciting recording projects.