

**Featured Artist of the Month
November 2007**

**Phil Collins, singer, songwriter, drummer and actor
MVC3**

I chose him mainly as I love his work but also as he is high profile at the moment because of the brilliant Cadbury advert with the gorilla.

He doesn't have the look of a singer - I always think he was perfectly cast in **Buster** as a criminal!!

Collins began his career in acting but moved into music when he began drumming for **Flaming Youth**. In 1970, he joined **Genesis** as their drummer. After **Peter Gabriel** left the group and no replacement was found, **Collins** became lead vocalist. He left the group in 1996 and has since worked for Disney, collaborated with many performers, acted and hosted TV programmes.

By 2006, he had sold 130 million albums as a member of **Genesis** and over a hundred million solo albums around the world. He has a long list of very popular songs, particularly for a certain age group, and to pick a favourite is difficult but I think **Another Day in Paradise** or **Easy Lover** from the 1998 Album Hits will do nicely.

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