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**KENNY KERNER**

CO-PRODUCED:  
Gunhill Road  
Stories  
Gladys Knight & The Pips  
Kiss

Kenny Kerner was born and grew up in Manhattan. While studying at Hunter College, he wrote a weekly column for the collegiate newspaper, which later led to a position at Cashbox magazine's New York offices. During this time, Kenny also became involved with Richie Wise, a young neighborhood musician, and his band, Dust. Kenny brought the group to Neil Bogart who signed them to Kama Sutra with Kerner and Wise in charge of production. This was the beginning of what was to be a long and successful relationship.

Bogart was so impressed with their production ability, he asked them to produce a single on another New York band named Gunhill Road. The single, "Back When My Hair Was Short," went top 20. Shortly thereafter, Kerner and Wise produced their first gold record with a group called Stories and their smash single, "Brother Louie." The next thing they knew, Kerner and Wise were producing Gladys Knight and the Pips. The "Imagination" album eventually went platinum and their singles, "I've Got To Use My Imagination" and "Best Thing That Ever Happend To Me" went gold.

It's interesting to note that up until this point, Kenny didn't realize how successful he really was. With gold singles and a gold album on the charts, he was still working full time at Cashbox! Eventually, however, he got up enough courage to leave his position and ask Neil for a full time production situation. With Gladys Knight and the Pips and Buddah Records, Kerner and Wise produced 7 gold and platinum awards in just over 3 years.

One day while walking out of Bogart's office after a meeting, Kenny heard a demo Neil was just putting on. Kenny stepped back in the office and asked if he could take it with him. The group was Kiss. When Neil left Buddah to set up Casablanca, he took Kerner and Wise with him. Kiss had signed to Aucoin Mgmt. and guess who produced their first album for Casablanca.....

In February 1974, the first "Kiss" LP was produced by Kerner and Wise with such classics as "Strutter," "Ducece," and "Black Diamond." "Hotter Than Hell" was released at the end of 1974. Both albums went gold. Kiss' latest album "Double Platinum" was also produced by Kerner and Wise and has gone double platinum like the name says.

Meanwhile, Kenny is now moving into management as a full time employee of Aucoin Mgmt. His current project is a group called Virgin which has a debut LP scheduled for release in January 1979. We've got a feeling this is going to be a group worth watching!