

RIP SA's *Got Talent* winner James Bhemgee

Former SA's *Got Talent* winner James Bhemgee has died in hospital after a short illness at 57.



Image sourced from [African Insider](#): James Bhemgee has passed away

Formerly a street sweeper, Bhemgee rose to stardom when he won on SA's *Got Talent* with his excellent voice.

He was first discovered on the streets of Cape Town by a woman who overheard him singing. So impressed by what she heard, she offered to pay him for singing lessons.

“ RIP James. I played this full blast today. On A Journey With James Bhemgee - "The Singing Dustman" 2013

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After winning the competition in 2010, Bhemgee said, “For 13 years I’ve been unemployed. Those 13 years were the hardest part of my life. I didn’t have opportunities to sing but I never gave up on my dream. I survived. I went through very tough times but I was and I am a believer.”

He released his debut album, *Vincero* in 2011. He also performed with Welsh singer Katherine Jenkins and was part of the South African leg of Andre Rieu’s tour.

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