



TEN CENTURIONS PRESS RELEASE

“Singer courted by Spandau Ballet to release 40th anniversary Visage cover”

Song: Visa-Age **Release Date:** 10th November 2020

Tuesday 10th November sees the 40th anniversary of the release of Visage’s first album. For **Ten Centurions** it’s a day to celebrate, and they’ll be doing so with a release of their own cover version of the lesser-known track **Visa-Age**. But the connection of this ‘under-the-radar’ London-based synth pop duo with Visage isn’t merely a matter of musical taste.



When the ex Visage drummer and synth pop aficionado **Rusty Egan** picked up on Ten Centurions’ 2017 debut EP release, it was tribute enough that he chose to place a remix of their lush anthemic ballad *My Final Stitch in Time* at the top of his 2019 release **Rusty Egan Presents: Welcome to the Remix Vol. 2**. In reality, the enthusiasm had gone further still.

In September 2017 Ten Centurions frontman and musical mastermind, David Vaughan, was asked to audition for **Spandau Ballet** as a potential replacement for Tony Hadley. Rusty Egan’s friendship with

the London soul boys dated back to the days of the Blitz Club when the New Romantics took off. Like Egan, the Kemps, Keeble and Norman all loved Vaughan’s voice, its rich tone, its sense of stature.

In the end the match wasn't right, and Spandau Ballet went on to enlist Ross William Wild for their 2018 relaunch. But the recognition had come. Gary Kemp praised David Vaughan as a unique singer with a **"superb voice"**. Vaughan was even considered briefly as a possible replacement for the late Steve Strange in any relaunch of Visage, hence his attachment to the song *Visa-Age*, which he had demoed.

With this new release of *Visa-Age*, Ten Centurions bring an entirely fresh take to an otherwise quirky light-hearted post-punk song. The Ten Centurions *version* is driving and enigmatic. Vaughan's weighty voice lends drama and mystique and his command of synth production, boosted by the rock guitar of long-time collaborator and Ten Centurions co-member Mauro Paderni, ensures a delivery that few would predict. The song will get its first airing on the Colin's Cuts show on www.kanefm.com on the day of release. It's time to get listening!

Visa-Age Preview Link

<https://soundcloud.com/ten-centurions/visa-age-press-preview/s-04rn5B4h3mi>

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