

Not just a
look-alike

I'M POSSESSED BY FREDDIE MERCURY

THE SPIRIT OF THE FLAMBOYANT QUEEN SINGER HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN A BRISBANE MAN

So uncanny is the resemblance between John Blunt and Freddie Mercury, most people are convinced John is the former lead singer of Queen. And when he opens his mouth to sing, well it's thunderbolts and lightning, very, very frightening!

John remembers well the moment Freddie Mercury consumed his whole being.

He was a 15-year-old Brisbane lad sitting cross-legged on the floor playing records at a mate's place. He watched his friend slide the album from its cover and place the new black vinyl disc onto the turntable. He heard the crackling of the needle – and then the life-changing moment happened.

*Is this the real life,
is this just fantasy ...*

The opening lines of an amazing new song, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, sung by this strange-looking bloke with funny teeth called Freddie Mercury, lead singer of a band called Queen.

John would never be the same.

"I remember being totally transfixed," John says. "It was

hypnotic. I had never heard anything like Queen before, and I couldn't get over how good Freddie's voice was. It was like someone turned the light on, and it just blew me away."

'I WANT IT ALL'

Not content to remain a mere fan, John decided he would transform himself into Freddie Mercury. He'd run around his house with a cut-off broomstick, pretending it was a microphone, imagining he was Freddie playing a sell-out concert at Wembley Stadium in London.

"I wanted to sing exactly the same as Freddie, and I was determined to look like him. I dreamt that one day I'd be able to get up on stage and people would be convinced they were seeing Freddie Mercury," he says.

John got what he wished for. Not only does he look and move like the legendary singer, he even sounds like the real McCoy. Having spent gruelling hours training his voice to sound exactly like Freddie – a mixture of smoothness and power teamed with raw-edge rock – John started singing around Brisbane with cover bands in ►►