



DON CICCONE (Base, Vocals) Don was raised in New York and New Jersey. He started playing accordion when he was nine years old and for three years performed locally with a group of young musicians. Don later learned to play piano, organ and drums but, at the age of 12, he picked up guitar and immediately decided he preferred that to the other instruments. He started writing songs and put together local bands. One of the groups he performed with was called the Vibratones. They later changed their name to the Critters and recorded on the Kama Sutra label. Don was lead singer on the Critters' hit "Younger Girl" and he wrote and sang lead on "Mr. Dyingly Sad." Don attended Villanova College where he majored in physics. He was drafted and, after four years in the service, he returned to work as a studio musician and singer. He was writing and recording tunes when Frankie Valli heard about Don through mutual friends at RCA. Frankie asked Don to