

# Magic moment as Jay can get Black back



**Jay Black**

JAY BLACK IS back in Black.

The Brooklyn-born singer, best known for the 1960s hits "This Magic Moment" and "Cara Mia," regained the right to use his stage name — as long as he pays off \$214,000 in outstanding debt, a federal bankruptcy judge ruled.

Black, 68, born David Blatt, sang his way to stardom as front man in the band Jay and the Americans. But he filed for bankruptcy last year after gambling problems caused him to rack up more than \$500,000 in debt, mostly in the form of back taxes.

He became a rocker without a name in June, when a federal bankruptcy trustee successfully claimed that his rights to use the names "Jay Black" and "Jay and the Americans" could be sold to settle his debts.

"It's been a horrible ride," Black said yesterday at the office of his lawyer, Lenard Leeds. "I lost everything."

Black still can't call his new 10-piece band Jay and the Americans — that right was bought for \$100,000 by Sandy Yaguda, an ex-member of the original band.

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