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Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33592)

by **allherfaces** » Sun Sep 19, 2010 10:13 pm

Ed posted this on Dustyville 😊

Duet with Dusty Springfield released after 50 years

Aug 26 2010 By Michael Russell

A JAZZ singer and actor who duetted with Dusty Springfield is to have his track released by a major record company, more than 50 years after they first sang together.

Peter Miles, of Bradley Gardens, West Ealing, was a close friend of hers while in their late teens and often used to visit her at her home in Kent Gardens, West Ealing.

He met the star through her brother, Tom, after he joined him in a four part male voice choir.

He said: "We used to sing a lot in her kitchen, me and her and Tom and the two other guys.

"She liked what I did musically and said 'why don't we make a record together?'

"I think Dusty would have agreed with me that she was always insecure, I never knew why that was. She was always a perfectionist, would always say she hadn't done it well enough even when top musicians and producers would say it's perfect.

"But she wasn't as demanding before she was famous. We rehearsed it at her home and it only took one or two takes and she said we'd got it. She was very professional even then.

"We recorded it in a studio in Queensway which was cheap but still good, it doesn't exist any more.

I did spoken ad-libs between some of the lines - she'd sing 'who's to blame' and I'd say 'mostly you' and she'd give a little laugh.

"She loved comedy, she and her brother had a great sense of humour, the more ridiculous the better.

"They were both very introverted, private people. What you saw was what you got with dusty. If she wanted to be quiet, she was quiet, if she wanted to be witty, she was witty."

Dusty's and Mr Mile's duet is part of a rarities disc to be released by Universal in January.

The timing could not be better for Mr Miles who has become a successful jazz singer and who works with top musicians after years of hard work perfecting his style. It follows on from 25 years as a professional actor, playing parts in well-known shows like Doctor Who.

He added: "I've been a jazz singer for 15 years and I'm playing in top clubs and now getting great feedback from musicians and others."

As for Dusty, he says she was a big part of his life and still has clear memories of their friendship.

He said: "I have a picture of Dusty in my mind sitting in her sitting room at home. It was her last year at school, an RC convent school in Northfields, and she still had straight red hair. She was day dreaming staring at a magazine on the floor. It was about America and I thought 'she's hooked'. She had a thing about America.

"It's difficult to say the last time I saw her, I think it was in Liverpool in 1967. I was in a play at the Liverpool Play House and she was down the road at the Empire. I went to the door and said I'm a friend of Dusty's, a real friend from Ealing.

"We gradually lost contact, I'd become a busy actor and she had become famous.

"I suppose I took it for granted that I'd known her so well for so long but I guess there aren't many blokes who have sung with Dusty."

Peter Miles next gig is at the Bull's Head in Barnes, with the Duncan Lamont Quartet.

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33618)

by [Corinna](#) » Mon Sep 20, 2010 9:22 am

Very good that this sensational news finally got its own thread! 😊

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33620)

by [Cardiff Bluesgirl](#) » Mon Sep 20, 2010 9:37 am

yes indeed now lets get our excited little mitts on it tout suite ,where oh where is it 🤩

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33658)

by [allherfaces](#) » Mon Sep 20, 2010 2:44 pm

Corinna wrote:

Very good that this sensational news finally got its own thread! 😊

Oops, sorry I missed that it was posted elsewhere. 😞 In any case, something cool to look forward to. 😊

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33662)

by **trek007** » Mon Sep 20, 2010 3:12 pm

Tis certainly something to look forward to, and let's hope it get some real publicity.

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33679)

by **Cas19** » Mon Sep 20, 2010 5:45 pm

Yes looking forward to this too, it could be a rare gem.

Casx

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p33682)

by **Corinna** » Mon Sep 20, 2010 6:26 pm

allherfaces wrote:

Corinna wrote:

Very good that this sensational news finally got its own thread! 😊

Oops, sorry I missed that it was posted elsewhere. 😞 In any case, something cool to look forward to. 😊

It's been mentioned somewhere, but it really deserved a thread of its own.

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46245)

by **Corinna** » Sun Jan 23, 2011 7:21 pm

I think this was due to be released in January, but I can't seem to find any info at all about it. 🤔 😞

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46252)

by **edjames** » Sun Jan 23, 2011 8:22 pm

The "duet" is coming soon. It should be part of the new Universal CD/DVD box set which should have some other "pearls" included. Sorry to say I don't have any more details but I know things are progressing and we are all anxiously awaiting it's release.

Fingers crossed. Stay patient.

ED

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46332)

by **LoonyGoon** » Mon Jan 24, 2011 5:43 pm

Really looking forward to this one, let's hope it appears soon!

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46340)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jan 24, 2011 7:48 pm

Last I heard, there would be no release before March. Check out this link to see what the limited edition is going to look like.

[http://www.tantrum.tv/digital/dusty-spr ... d-box-set/](http://www.tantrum.tv/digital/dusty-spr...d-box-set/) (<http://www.tantrum.tv/digital/dusty-springfield-box-set/>)

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46348)

by **neonouille** » Mon Jan 24, 2011 8:42 pm

Wow!! I love the color picture at 0:36! But I scared about the price it will probably cost... 😬
If I understand well, it's 6 cds and only 1 vinyl ?

Last edited by **neonouille** ([./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=334](http://www.dustyspringfield.org.uk/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=334)) on Mon Jan 24, 2011 8:45 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46349)

by **Starlight** » Mon Jan 24, 2011 8:45 pm

Yeah It will Prob cost a fair bit but looks so worth it 😊

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46351)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Jan 24, 2011 9:50 pm

Im liking the concept except the box is a bit like Grandmas will is about to be read from it. 😬
I also have this awful feeling it will cost a fortune,I think I will have to think of a way to earn some spare cash 😬

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46363)

by **Kyles Beguiles** » Tue Jan 25, 2011 12:15 am

I hope at least one of the CDs contains the same content as the vinyl, for those of us who do not have access to a record player 🙄

SEVEN discs. WOW. Like the rest of you, I am super eager to see the eventual tracklisting!

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46380)

by **small town girl** » Tue Jan 25, 2011 11:24 am

i'm also looking forward to this 😊 my only concern is the limited part, how many will get released. I don't think they're all cd's as edjames post mentioned cds/dvd.

anita x

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46393)

by **daydreamer** » Tue Jan 25, 2011 2:57 pm

There definitely are DVD's in there, not sure how many or whether there is anything new though. I'm not quite sure either what the first book is, could be sort of liner notes maybe. I can't imagine the limited number being very high, maybe 1,000 or 2,000 if the Legend box set is anything to go by.

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p46407)

by **Corinna** » Tue Jan 25, 2011 6:00 pm

The box set looks absolutely gorgeous... 🍷

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p56349)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Thu May 12, 2011 2:38 am

The link doesn't work anymore. What happened?

Maggie

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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p56367)

by **Corinna** » Thu May 12, 2011 9:50 am

The production company seems to have taken down the link. Here's a photo from their site of how the box is likely to look:



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Re: Duet with Dusty released after 50 years (#p56384)

by [daydreamer](#) » Thu May 12, 2011 1:24 pm

I think the packaging is being re-thought, possibly the information made it online a little too soon.

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