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Clive
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Posted - 02/11/2008 : 19:42:24



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I was interested to read in Sharon Davis' book that around 1992/93 Dusty was offered, and carefully considered accepting, the role of Grizabella in a touring version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats*

Is anyone here familiar with the show, is Grizabella a major role and how many songs does she sing?

Also does anyone know who took the role when Dusty declined it?

Do you think Dusty should have taken the part?

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Posted - 02/11/2008 : 21:32:25



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It's been years that I've seen the Play "Cats". Yes, Grizabella was one of the main characters in the play, she was known as the one time "Glamour Cat" and sang the huge hit "Memories", which I would have loved to hear Dusty sing, too bad she didn't at least record the song.

Cats was one of the longest running plays on both the Broadway Stage and London's West End, so the part was covered by various people including Elaine Page. This play also ran world wide.

I think it would have been fantastic if Dusty would have taken the stage. This part would have been perfect for her. As I said many times before, I also wished she would have taken the part of Sweet Charity as well.

Unfortunately the Utube clip of Elaine Page singing Memories came up unavailable, but here is a clip from the Broadway cast.

Hope you enjoy it. Sorry I am having trouble opening utube at the moment, will be back with a link.

Marty



daydreamer
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Posted - 02/11/2008 : 21:49:14



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I saw Elaine Paige in Cats twice during the 80's and she was wonderful. There is a YouTube clip here...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_UQil4j_i8

Although I bet Dusty would have loved dressing up as a cat every day, I don't think she would have had the vocal and physical stamina for a stage musical. She always said she didn't have the right sort of voice for musical theatre, she didn't feel she could project enough. Although Grizabella was known as the glamour cat, she was a bit over the hill in a Sunset Boulevard sort of way 😊

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."





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Posted - 02/11/2008 : 21:52:17

Clive here is a link as promised:



from London
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-L6rEm0rnY>

Marty



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Posted - 02/11/2008 : 21:56:42

Opps I guess our posts crossed Carole. I wondered about your comment as well if Dusty would have had the physical stamina as I often heard/read her saying she did not. However, I thought perhaps at one point in her career she might have gained enough confidence to do so, or at least give it a try.



Marty



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Posted - 04/11/2008 : 07:52:27

thanks Marty and Carole for the link. I do remember Elaine Paige having a hit with *Memory* but I hadn't seen her do it in costume.



I think on balance Dusty should have taken the role. I think it was definitely an unfulfilled ambition of hers to be in a musical or act generally.

I know it would have been a test of stamina which was why I wondered how many songs the character sings in the show but I reckon Dusty could have done it . I think she would have liked being one of a cast and not having to be on stage for the whole show every night and being the sole focus.

With Dusty's love of cats this seems like a role that would have been perfect for her and I think she could have transformed the role by putting her own style on the songs.

I think it would have been a huge release for her to perform as a new character.

I would guess that Andrew Lloyd Webber would not like his songs changed but I'm sure when offering the part to Dusty he would surely have been willing to accept that Dusty's vocal style would have given his songs a different feel.

If Dusty had gone on tour with the show she would also of course had her own fan base who would have supported her throughout.



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Posted - 04/11/2008 : 08:36:53

Welcome Clive. If Dusty did take the part she probably would be working with a voice coach to improve her stamina. Not being a professional singer, I do believe that singers do work with voice coaches all the time.



If Dusty would have taken the part and was successful, IMHO it would have improved her self confidence tremendously. I can't help but believe the reason she didn't take the part was due to her insecurities.

Marty



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Sweetbaby
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Posted - 04/11/2008 : 22:49:07

☺ I've read Dusty did want to play the Carlotta Campion role in the Stephen Sondheim musical **Follies** - Dusty said the role's appeal was that every night she'd just have to sing *I'm Still Here* - & then go home!

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Dusty's friend Anita Harris did play Grizabella for two years.



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