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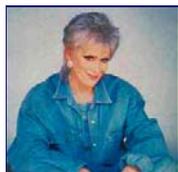
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Posted - 09/12/2008 : 08:18:28

I know Dusty only started smoking cigarettes later in life, does anyone know what year? Was she a heavy smoker? For a singer who was prone to bronchitis and laryngitis it seems a very strange decision.

Perhaps Dusty felt it would help her replace other addictions she was overcoming?

How much of a factor do you think smoking was on Dusty's different vocal performance in her later career?

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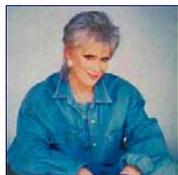
Hi Clive

It seems Dusty started to smoke seriously around 1982 but she'd had a puff or two before then. I think her smoking got heavier as she got rid of her alcohol addiction. To me Dusty's voice is smoked out (it's a fabulous ruin) on 'A Very Fine Love' and of course she was ill too at that time. I think as Dusty got older other things in life meant more to her than her beautiful voice.

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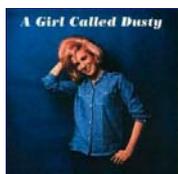
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thanks Memphis, well put,you have a way with words.



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Posted - 09/12/2008 : 15:10:40

I agree ,you can tell that she had lost a higher range even when she was speaking and I guess thats the ciggies etc. I also know that the treatments she had would have taken a huge toll on her voice. she still sounded so good on that Jools Holland show and I think she would have enjoyed duets etc as she got older and it would have helped with her insecurities if she had been on stage with other singers she liked. imagine her with K.D.Lang etc.what a loss she is with all these people out now and some of the great songwriting of today oh well..
Liz

liz mason



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I have heard that there's often a lot of smoking in AA meetings, that ppl who give up drinking, stick with the other addiciton. maybe that was the case with Dusty. Some would argue it's harder to quite smoking than drinking. Pity there isn't much support for ppl quitting smoking--IMO.

The voice also deteroirates "naturally" with age, I think, plus, if you're not practicing enough, that can be a problem too.

I think that smoking had a big impact on her voice.



**Carole R.**  
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Posted - 11/12/2008 : 22:48:11



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I'm sure I read somewhere that she smoked menthol cigarettes...

but maybe that was when she was trying to quit 'proppa' smoking. 😊

Carole R xx

"I'm not as crazy as I used to be"...



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