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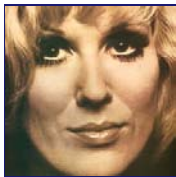
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memphisinlondon

Where am I going?



Posted - 14/06/2008 : 18:45:50



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I'm posting a final couple of excerpts from Fred's mails this evening. There's not much we don't know here, and I don't think anything is controversial; this information does come from an important source so I feel it's worth posting for the record.

Note: As you know, I posted a couple of interviews with Dusty recently. They can be found on the 'Woman of Repute' site. However I've checked my files and my own copies came from a generous Dusty e.maier back in 2000 and not from the 'Woman of Repute' site. Anyway, here's Fred's story...

"I thought I would address the "Why was Dusty always broke?" question. First of all, she was NEVER screwed out of royalties. Pat in London was in charge of that area, and always made sure the checks came to Dusty, as soon as she (Pat) got them. (If ANYONE qualifies for Sainthood in this whole Springfield saga, it's Pat Rhodes) On a couple of occasions, they were sent to Mary O'Brien, in care of me. The problem was, for almost 15 years Dusty hardly worked at all. The albums cost so much to make, and hardly sold. I gather that the one produced by Roy Thomas Baker, (Living Without Your Love?) [I believe this was actually 'It Begins Again'] cost over 400 thousand dollars, all paid for in advance by the record company, against future royalties, so she was, in effect, spending money she didn't have (Haven't we ALL been there"?) When she did make an appearance, for instance she did about 9 Los Angeles talk shows to plug It Goes Like It Goes [It begins Again?], and had to have a different outfit for each show, plus hairdressers etc.... Being a star, she always had to leave big tips, and always lived in fairly large rented houses that ran away with the money.

When she bought the house on Dona Teresa, it was high in the hills overlooking the San Fernando Valley (NOT Hollywood, as the book says!) and she got a bargain for 80 thousand dollars. In the end she sold it for a profit...but if she had hung onto it, I am sure by the time she went back to England,, it was probably worth upwards of half a million! As they say in the Real Estate business...location location location!

She always lived like a star, even when she was no longer one (as far as the Americans were concerned) so it's not too hard to understand how she went through a lot of money. Also, remember that as she grew further and further away from the 60's, the record sales were drying up. Except for "oldies but goodies" stations, you rarely heard her music over here, and I assume she also fell into the "whatever happened to HER?" category in England as well????

Hope that answers, or at least explains. She certainly did give to various animal causes, but always checks for \$100.00 or so, rarely more. and often less. She gave away TONS of clothes, mostly to Catholic Charities, but NEVER got a receipt, to enable her to write it off on her taxes, because, as she said, when she wasn't earning money, she had nothing to write it off against.

Fred Perry
Los Angeles"

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Posted - 15/06/2008 : 04:11:50

Kathy
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★



Australia
6508 Posts

Wow, imagine going to the op shop or recycled clothing outlet and getting a Dusty original!

xx
Kathy

"The images unwind..."



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★



USA
5821 Posts

Posted - 15/06/2008 : 14:11:14

YES KATHY 🙄
THANK YOU AGAIN MEMPHIS

MARY 🙄



THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



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★★★



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Posted - 15/06/2008 : 23:56:11

You're very welcome, MssDusty. Thank you for your own posts about Dusty.

Memphis
Ever since we met...



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★



USA
5821 Posts

Posted - 16/06/2008 : 03:27:45

DUSTY TREATED ME LIKE AN OLD FRIEND NOT A FAN LAUGHING ALL THE TIME WE WERE ON THAT HOLLYWOOD STREET 🙄 I LOVED HER MORE AFTER THAT DAY.

MARY 🙄



THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



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Posted - 16/06/2008 : 03:36:38

Dear Mary,

In my own way, and from this far away, I can really see that. She spent some time and was kind and friendly. Your movie is a very, very rare glimpse of how Dusty treated her fans. Everytime I get a true glimpse of Dusty (these are surprisingly rare occassions) I realise more and more how great and fine this woman was. She was 'the real thing'.

Thanks again,

Memphis
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 16/06/2008 03:43:10



allherfaces
Administrator
★★★★★

Posted - 16/06/2008 : 04:41:48

<http://www.dustyspringfield.info/30601/41701.html>



You can read Carole's account of first meeting Dusty here as well as Mary's memories of the day she met Dusty as well.

Enjoy!

**I'll put your pictures all around my wall
I'll build a tower of love that won't fall**



USA
14235 Posts

Posted - 16/06/2008 : 08:37:09

Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Thank you Memphis for all of these wonderful insights.

Thanks to Carole and Mary too.

Wendy

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