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Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

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Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:22 pm**

According to her homepage, she's painting and making music in San Gabriel, California. 😊

<http://normatanega.com/index.htm>

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:35 pm**

She sells her CDs on her website and even has some sound samples, among them, of course, Walking my Cat named Dog. Another song I'd like to hear is her interpretation of No stranger am I....

 

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:42 pm**

Couldn't resist! 🎵

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTnOyrnWYpc>[/youtube]

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:45 pm**

And the follow-up... good tune! Apart from that, unfortunately nothing more on YouTube.

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYOvLRcpmHM>[/youtube]

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **karen**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:47 pm**

Agree would love to hear her version of "No stranger am I " "Your dead " have you heard this ? will have to check out the web site. definitely a private person.

Karen.x

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **mssdusty**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 6:49 pm**



♪ MARY ♪

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Feb 06, 2010 11:36 pm**

Annie interviewed her for her book -- maybe she could chime in with something here 🤔

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **humboldt**

Posted: **Tue Feb 16, 2010 1:12 am**

No Stranger Am I

<https://www.yousendit.com/download/RmNES3hTZ2dTSUIzZUE9PQ>

You're Dead

<https://www.yousendit.com/download/RmNES3hIK3g1UjdIRGc9PQ>

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue Feb 16, 2010 8:47 am**

You sure have a little chest of treasures there, John... thanks for posting! Will go listen now....

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Wed Feb 17, 2010 5:44 pm**

Yes, I did interview Norma near her home in Claremont, CA. She was very nice and I learned a lot about D from N's point of view over the course of the several hours we spent together. I also learned a lot about Norma herself. It was mainly a background interview, so I quoted very little from notes.

I learned about (and got a copy of) Norma's second album, "It Won't Hurt if You Smile," that was to be released by Philips right around the time Norma left England. Because of her departure, she was unable to do promotion for the album and it did very poorly. If it had been released properly, it would have brought a lot of attention to Dusty and Norma's relationship (which had already been alluded to in the press). It had been mentioned in a couple of articles that Norma was D's housemate at Aubrey Walk. Carole G will be able to give the dates of the Coleman and Bernstein articles. :)

I like the album a lot. It's very much a reflection of its time and would have sounded very "edgy" and hip. It's much more folky and jazzy than any of D's recordings. There are even classical elements in it that reflect Norma's musical training. I think Norma wrote and arranged all the songs and performed them too.

I think everyone here is already aware that Norma and Tom worked together on some songs and seemed to have a good musical relationship. Can't recall if any of their collaborations appeared on the album but, certainly, some appeared on Tom's later albums, "Love's Philosophy" and "Sun Songs." Some are really quirky!

I often wonder what would have happened if Norma's second album had been promoted with the usual interviews and newspaper reviews.

Anyway, that's my bit!

Annie

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **mssdusty**

Posted: **Wed Feb 17, 2010 8:41 pm**

THANKS ANNIE 🍷

🎵 MARY 🎵

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **humboldt**

Posted: **Wed Feb 17, 2010 8:51 pm**

Good heavens Annie, I had no idea that Norma had released a second album! I'll have to try and get a copy? 😊

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Wed Feb 17, 2010 10:55 pm**

A couple of followup questions, Annie --

Did NT express any feelings about her album not being promoted?

Did Phillips pressure her to leave England?

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Paula**

Posted: **Sun Feb 21, 2010 10:09 pm**

thanks for posting that, Annie. I would love to have been a fly on the wall..or maybe the girl who carries your briefcase , for some of your Dusty interviews.

John..thanks for the Norma tunes. I swear I had a version of her 'No Stranger Am I' somewhere ...maybe I lost it when changing computers 🙄 thanks again

Paula x

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sun Feb 21, 2010 10:24 pm**

Thanks Annie! Here's an article that's posted on Norma's homepage. It doesn't say when or where it was published, but Norma says that it was 'chaos and dilemma' that made her leave London. Poor her, that couldn't have been easy. And what a pity that the album never made it. She would have been worth it.

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Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 12:00 am**

Might not have been so easy on Dusty living with Norma either. 🙄

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Jeffery**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 12:57 am**

🎵 🌹 🎵 When you cut a piece out for yourself and label it "Solo" nothing is easy. I think things were tough for Dusty from the get-go! 🎵 🌹 🎵

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Sue**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 1:12 am**

Thanks for the clips Cor, and those two tracks John 🙄

Very talented and charismatic woman , shame she didn't have a longer solo career.

Sue xx

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 3:44 am**

To answer your follow-ups, Bosseh: I don't think Philips would have pressured her to leave England. I would guess the opposite--wouldn't they have wanted her to do promotion if they went to the trouble and expense to cut the record?

As to her feelings about leaving England and her album: She didn't tell me how she felt about it. Norma's a dignified person and I got the impression that she doesn't dwell on the past or on regrets.

Corinna's right: it can't have been easy for either Dusty or Norma in that era. They did remain lifelong friends despite the external pressures on both of them.

Yes, Paula, I would imagine that it would indeed be interesting to be a fly on the wall during these interviews! Ask Carole Gibson about the little man who was hovering around us when we were doing one of interviews. We

think he thought Carole was Lulu! Also, ask Carole about my "listening face" :)

If anyone's interested in hearing Norma's second album (and I think it's definitely worthwhile), why not just write to her through her website? Maybe she can make some copies available for sale through LTD or directly from her?

I hope Norma writes a memoir of her time with Dusty one day.

Annie

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 4:21 pm**

Ha! I think he was the manager of the Royal Exchange and he circumnavigated us for the best part of two hours! I've often wondered what story he went home with that night. Listening face: half smile, head slightly to one side and nodding just a little bit.....I can see it now 🤔

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Tue Feb 23, 2010 8:18 pm**

Re my "listening face": Now, Carole, we mustn't mock the afflicted! :)

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Feb 25, 2010 11:24 am**

Just an add on re the Norma Tanega discussion..

Not that it much matters now, But I think I read that it was Tom who finally 'suggested' that Norma and Dusty should part... Due to constant rows etc... Anyone else read this?..

CR xx

Re: Whatever became of Norma Tanega?

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Fri Feb 26, 2010 1:37 am**

🌹🤔🌹 My reading tells me that Dusty always lingered in relationships which had already ended. I think that she so much wanted a relationship to last - she just had trouble letting go when it was over. Nothing to forgive girl... been there! 🤔