

# Let's Talk Dusty!

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## WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 9:57 am**

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CR xx

## Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 10:53 am**

Okay.. I'm gonna kick this off.. 😊

I've heard the name Keeley Hawes suggested before, so, I'll start this off with:



Keeley Hawes.

Not high profile enough?... 🤔

CR xx

## Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 11:24 am**

Too tall 😊 I'm thinking though. Lucy did her make up not that long ago.

## Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 11:26 am**



Rosamund Pike?

Too tall again?

😊

CR xx

## Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 11:28 am**

She is tall but I like her and I already mentioned her to Simon!

## Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 11:41 am**

Yea.. On further investigation I find that Keeley Hawes is 5ft 8inches!!(Doesn't look that big on the telly!) 🤪



Rosamund Pike is also 5ft 8inches!... 🤪



CR xx

## Re: WANTED...

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 11:43 am**

If they create giant stage sets it might work? 😊

## Re: WANTED...

by **Kathy**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 12:45 pm**

Why does she have to be British?

What about Tamsin Carroll, she can sing (when needed), can look startlingly like Dusty, has all the hand and body movements down pat and has a great deal of respect for Dusty both as a person and as a singer. She'd be my choice.

Tamsin as Dusty in Dusty the musical:



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## Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 12:47 pm**


I've said it many times but at the risk of being boring 🙄 I'll repeat myself. I would really like it if they chose an unknown to play the part of Dusty. Just find a girl who can "be" Dusty. Any big name could have a problem with people only seeing them playing Dusty, rather than actually seeing "Dusty". Unknowns have had leading roles many times, the other characters could be big names, they just need to get Dusty right. I like Tamsin too Kathy, if she can lose the Australian accent 😊, and not sure how good her on screen acting ability would be, it's a lot harder than stage acting I would think.

## Re: WANTED...

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 1:12 pm**

How about Keira Knightly, though again a bit tall? I'm not that well up on actresses, so forgive me.

 Image

Casx

## Re: WANTED...

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 2:46 pm**

well I havent even heard of the first two, so they would be unknown to me 😞  
I am still not convinced this will be something worth seeing, I am just an old cynic ,I know but I really would prefer it if they all just left Dusty alone.  
I dont like these lookalike thingys ,I saw the real thing and that was more than enough for me. 🌟

## Re: WANTED...

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 3:11 pm**

why does it matter how tall the actress is? dusty always looked taller than she actually was on stage. my choice would be keeley hawes. 😊

anita x

## Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 4:39 pm**

I know the height thing doesn't matter to a lot of people but it does to me because I think that Dusty came as a tiny package and the surprise that that huge voice came out of such a small person is part of the charm. With a taller actress, by the time they've built up the hair and added the heels, she would be so tall as to be on a par with most of the drag queens! It's easy to dismiss these biopics that keep coming and going, and this could be another one, but if someone is going to do it, I just want them to get it right. Get Dusty right and everything else may just fall into place.

## Re: WANTED...

by Clive

Posted: Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:30 pm

*Carole R. wrote:*



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I'd love if she got the role Carole, I've been impressed with anything I've seen her do and I'm sure she'd do a great job.

I don't think height should rule anyone one out.

## Re: WANTED...

by Clive

Posted: Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:31 pm

*daydreamer wrote:*

She is tall but I like her and I already mentioned her to Simon!

was Simon interested in her taking the part Carole?

## Re: WANTED...

by allherfaces

Posted: Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:34 pm

I think KK is too bony. I could potentially see Keeley Hawes, of those mentioned, but I'm also liking Carole's insistence on an unknown -- would put more focus on Dusty. But will the producers go for an unknown?

Just have to say I'm breathing a sigh of relief it won't be Kristen Chenowith or Nicole Kidman.

And don't want to start wracking my brain for American talent, as we wouldn't stand for that, would we?!

What can you all tell me about Rosamund Pike?

## Re: WANTED...

by Clive

Posted: Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:41 pm

My favourite role of Rosamund Pike was in *An Education* a couple of years ago. She has a supporting role but I thought she was excellent and really gave depth to her

part . I felt she had a kind of underlying melancholy .Definitely worth having a look if you get a chance Nancy.

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:46 pm**

Thanks, Clive, I'll squeeze it in between Sopranos episodes on my Netflix queue.

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **trek007**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 5:58 pm**

I think Rosamund Pike would be a good choice.

As an aside..

My hairdresser is a dead ringer for Dusty..I've told her so on a few occasions and she says her Mum thinks so too!!!

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 6:57 pm**

Take a photo Trek 😊 Clive, Simon didn't know Rosamund Pike, it was me who brought her up. She's very much an English Rose type and well spoken in a Dustyish way. She was also very good in Made in Dagenham. As long as they don't give it to Renee Zellweger just cos she can do an English accent 😊

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **Clive**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 8:04 pm**

Thanks Carole, yes she was good in Made In Dagenham.

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **FairyDust**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 9:11 pm**

My thoughts are: Carey Mulligan; Anne-Marie Duff or, speaking of Made in Dagenham, the lovely and brilliant Sally Hawkins (also from BBC's Fingersmith and Mike Leigh's Happy Go Lucky). Sally doesn't look much like Dusty at all but could potentially be made to, and she's got the little, petite thing going on. She could definitely act it. The other two have a Dusty kind of prettiness and are both very good. Presumably they'd have someone else playing the older Dusty: any thoughts on this? In terms of slightly older actresses, I absolutely love Miranda Richardson. I think she could do it - she has a chameleonic quality to her.

### **Re: WANTED...**

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 9:53 pm**

I quite like Kelly Reilly as she appeared in He Kills Coppers, which coincidentally had a lot of Dusty in the soundtrack and on this clip 😊

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## Re: WANTED...

by **trek007**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 10:00 pm**

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## Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 10:27 pm**

For those 'deemed to be too tall'



No problemo:



CR xx

## Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Apr 07, 2011 10:31 pm**

How about :

Kate Winslett?

CRxx

## Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

Posted: **Fri Apr 08, 2011 1:39 am**

*trek007 wrote:*

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oh wow- picture of her would be nice!

## Re: WANTED...

by **FairyDust**

Posted: **Fri Apr 08, 2011 5:35 am**

*daydreamer wrote:*

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Yes, Kelly is lovely and a great actress. I can imagine her as Dusty 😊. I also really like the 'unknown' idea. If it were someone really well known, it might be difficult to see past that and believe in them as Dusty. There'd be no prior expectations or distracting star persona if it were a newcomer.

### Re: WANTED...

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Fri Apr 08, 2011 5:40 am**

😄 Nancy's right Kiera Knightly is basically a skeleton, so she's out. 😞  
Renee Zellweger doesn't have the eyes to sustain all that make-up, so she's out. 😞  
And daydreamer's right part of Dusty's mystique is all that sound and magic coming out of such a petite package,  
so she *can't* be taller than 5' 3" or 4". 😞  
No one said it was going to be easy filling Dusty's shoes. 🤔  
This roll makes for a very narrow casting call. 😞  
Let's hope for that *unknown* to come thru the door, and surprise us all. 🎁

### Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Fri Apr 08, 2011 9:29 pm**

If the film covers later years I think Grace has picked an excellent actress in the shape of our own Miranda Richardson.  
But, I've always thought (and I know she's not British!) that Bette Midler would make the perfect 'older' Dusty.  
No contest as far as I'm concerned. 😞 😊

CR xx

### Re: WANTED...

by **FairyDust**

Posted: **Sat Apr 09, 2011 12:02 pm**

I love Miranda - she's excellent in whatever she does. She's also definitely small and pretty enough to play Dusty 🌹. I think Bette's great and I'm pretty sure that Dusty liked her too. Wonder how she'd feel about miming to Dusty's music as a very well known singer herself...

### Re: WANTED...

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Fri May 13, 2011 2:53 pm**

*FairyDust wrote:*

In terms of slightly older actresses, I absolutely love Miranda Richardson. I think she could do it - she has a chameleonic quality to her.

I've always thought Richardson looks exactly like Petula Clark.

Maggie

## Re: WANTED...

by **Sweetbaby**

Posted: **Fri May 13, 2011 11:11 pm**

😊 I don't think the part of Dusty need necessarily go to a complete unknown - there's a large group of talented young British actresses who've acquitted themselves admirably in films & television without becoming stars & I think that's the most promising pool to draw on for a cinematic Dusty. Having experience in front of the camera would I feel make a major contribution to turning in an effective performance. I understand the desire for a petite actress in the role but suspect Dusty's fans may have to accept that her screen evocation will inevitably have flaws & excessive height may be one of them. Maybe it's because most screen actresses have a modeling background - virtually all of them are gigantic in Dusty terms! One actress who does meet the height requirement is Kelly Macdonald - she's 5'3" & at age 35 she's well situated to play Dusty through a wide age range (with perhaps reasonable suspension of belief at either extreme).



## Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2011 1:38 am**

*trek007 wrote:*

I was thinking of Kelly too Carole...but I couldn't think of her name...she had a look of Dusty about her in the cop programme.



The Kelly Reilly is a WONDERFUL possibility- She seems shy/pretty and very sexy- do not know her height- I liked her acting and Brit accent!! Shes a very strong possibility to me- they will screw this up and I HATE when big movies have major casting flaws- ie Val Kilmer in THe Doors (i love him, but he did not look like Morrison at all). 🙄

### Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2011 1:44 am**

She has those squinty eyes that are not Dusty-like to me.

### Re: WANTED...

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2011 5:12 am**

Kelly Macdonald ! 🎵 Oo-oo 🎵 oo- 🙄 oo 🎵

Can you get me her number ? 🙄

### Re: WANTED...

by **Sweetbaby**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2011 11:17 pm**

*jeffery wrote:*

Kelly Macdonald ! 🎵 Oo-oo 🎵 oo- 🙄 oo 🎵

Can you get me her number ? 🙄

🙄 You want to offer her the part Jeffery?

BTW Kelly Reilly is 5'6".

### Re: WANTED...

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Sun May 15, 2011 2:55 am**

🙄 Like I suggested, we'll just cast much taller people around her. 😊

### Re: WANTED...

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Sun May 15, 2011 2:55 pm**

well, i quite like katherine kelly who plays becky in corrie, i wonder.....

Neil

### Re: WANTED...

by **Sweetbaby**

Posted: **Mon May 16, 2011 9:31 pm**

*jeffery wrote:*

[^] Like I suggested, we'll just cast much taller people around her. 😊

😏 Perhaps if everyone besides Dusty is always shown sitting down?

### Re: WANTED...

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Tue May 24, 2011 5:31 pm**

how strange, a completely random man, unknown to me ( office is six floors 150 to a floor) Walked past me today as i was waiting for the lift and said to me " Good choice of anne hathaway to play Dusty" and then promptly shot down the stairs leaving me slightly shocked a bit bit bewildered. Who the hell was he? How did he know who i was? He walked with a mince, shock horror lol, I cant even properly remember what he looked like, and nobody in my office know who i meant when i tried to describe him. Very bizarre indeed. Especially cos I did a quick google and shes 5 ft 8, no chance! I am on a mission now to locate this person, they must be a fan themselves surely?

Neil

### Re: WANTED...

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue May 24, 2011 6:01 pm**

WTF! How stange! 😱 Google is not turning anything up on her starring in a Dusty movie ATM.

### Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Tue May 24, 2011 7:27 pm**

He wasn't a little tramp was he, like the one that spoke to me in St Anne's Square? 😊  
Anne Hathaway, like her but not as Dusty, no way.

### Re: WANTED...

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue May 24, 2011 8:52 pm**

How spooky, Neil! 😱

### Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

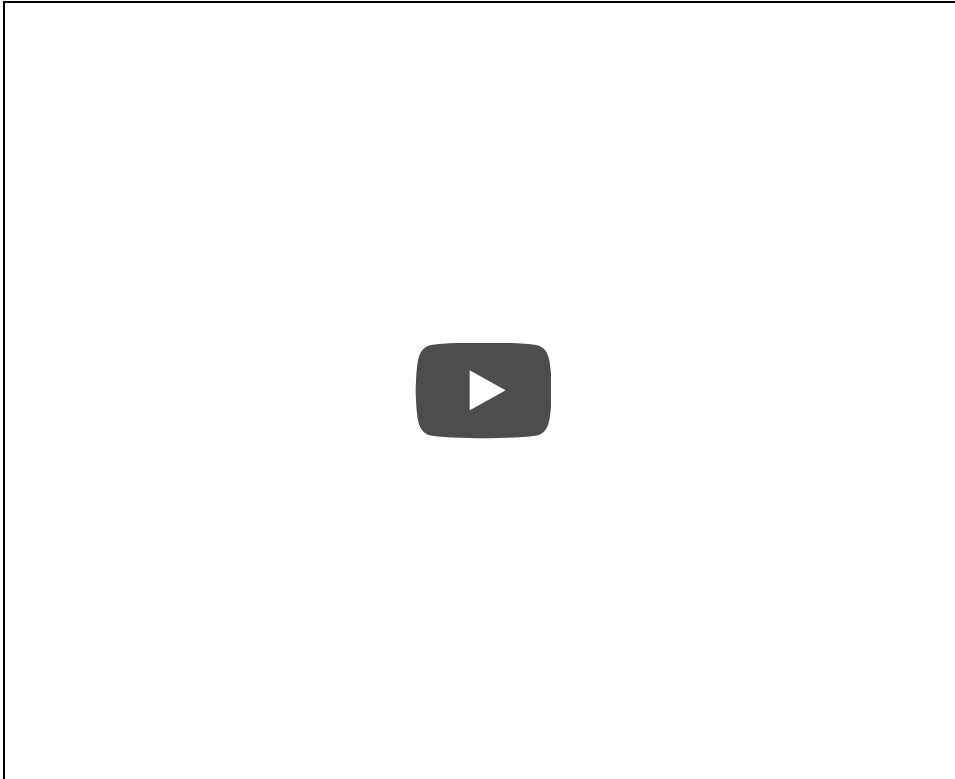
Posted: **Wed Jun 08, 2011 2:10 am**

*Carole R. wrote:*

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Kelly Reilly has a Dusty look and British accent plus her eyes are similar to Dusty's- I think she would be great!! 😊

### Re: WANTED...

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Wed Jun 08, 2011 2:46 am**

👍 Put Kelly on the *will call* list. (for the younger Dusty)

Although Glen Close is an American actress, she's only 5'5", and the more I look at her the more I think she could portray the mature Dusty.



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Might have to work on the accent, but she's bi-polar so-oo-o.... 😞

### Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

Posted: **Wed Jun 08, 2011 4:30 am**

Hmmmmm- maybe so. Close can act too! OK I can support her for a mature La Dust. 🙄

### Re: WANTED...

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Wed Jun 08, 2011 7:54 am**

I like Kelly too Terri, I posted the clip from He Kills Coppers on page 2. She's nothing like Dusty when she appears with her own hair but the wig and make up create a good impression.

### Re: WANTED...

by **terri**

Posted: **Sat Jun 11, 2011 7:58 pm**

Yes I agree! Tamsin Carrol looks a bit like her also <with a wig>, and is closer in height- but not an actress really. Boy can she sing!! The best I have heard to try to do Dusty.

### Re: WANTED...

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Sat Jun 11, 2011 9:09 pm**

*terri wrote:*

Yes I agree! Tamsin Carrol looks a bit like her also <with a wig>, and is closer in height- but not an actress really. Boy can she sing!! The best I have heard to try to do Dusty.

Tamsin Carroll attended Dusty Day 2008, terri..

I think she sang Goin Back.. Whatever, it was pretty impressive let me tell ya! 🙌🎵  
CR xx

