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dancer8595

Little by little


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Posted - 08/06/2009 : 19:02:32

I've just trawled through the archives and I don't think this topic has been posted before, but I apologise if it has.

This is for those of you who were lucky enough to meet Dusty or see her live - I'd love to hear about your experiences. I promise to only be slightly jealous (well, extremely jealous obviously, but please do share your memories. In glorious, vivid detail. Thank you!)

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."

memphisinlondon

Where am I going?


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Posted - 08/06/2009 : 21:00:09

I have already shared my scant memories quite recently. But here's the full story.

I saw her at Drury Lane in 1979. I had in my mind that she would come out and be very stately and very graceful. Probably in a long black dress with sophisticated lighting. Just her and the orchestra. Singing her catalogue of greatest hits plus some new songs. I had heard enough songs by her by this time to know she was special (but not 'Dusty In Memphis') and I'd seen her in photos and maybe I'd seen some TV footage which formed my expectations. I'd bought 'It Begins Again' so I knew she had a new Look which fitted those expectations.

She came out in an elegant trouser suit. The show was a mix of chaos abbreviated by quiet spot-lit moments with Dusty, just the way I had expected, when she sang her new album songs and covered Kate Bush's 'Man With the Child In His Eyes'. In these she was focused and really sang well. The ultimate chaos was when she was pushed on stage on roller skates and went careering across the stage. She couldn't skate. I think she was singing 'We Are Family' which went on and on. I was thinking 'What are you doing?! Are you mad?!' LOL!

Then she segued her greatest hits into one medley probably less than a minute per song! I was like WHHAAT! How can you do that to my favourite songs! Those songs are why I'm here...by myself! [None of my friends would come along with me].

She was great with the audience. She spoke quite a bit. And the audience was amazing but there was an edge to it. There were loads of gay men in the audience and many seemed to be there for a party with a gay icon rather than the woman Dusty. A lot of people didn't seem to be old enough to have seen her back in the day. There were quite a few women too but it was the number of men I noticed.

And everyone was really dressed up. [I was in the gods with my leather biker jacket with its punky badges, sloppy joe sweater, Levis and winkle picker black suede Beatle boots - sorry Dusty but on the other hand she might have liked my gear!]. It was a big surprise for me because I knew nothing about her gay following. I would have guessed she had a very mixed following like she has today. Sometimes the audience seemed to be applauding more for a (gay) Judy Garland type icon than for the woman Dusty. Dusty had to ask them to calm down and be quiet so she could sing more quiet songs. I wanted to tell them to shut-up too but I was oblivious to how important she was to her fans who hadn't seen her like this for years.

The women I was sitting with were gay. I picked that up from the way they heckled Dusty so disrespectfully. They were making fun of her. I always say when I post about this concert that I wanted to throw them over the balcony and I still do but they were really rough and had had a few bevies! These women distorted the evening for me. I was thinking why have you bothered to attend if you don't want to listen to this wonderful woman?

It was one of the most amazing concerts I have been to for many different reasons. It was a rehearsal for Liza Minnelli who I saw just a few years later. Same kind of audience if a little more up market because of the high ticket prices. If Liza had croaked her way through her songs they would have still gone crazy. But I had learnt the lessons of 'camp' by then and anyway Liza was at her peak at this time and I, and my friends, were going crazy too.

I hadn't realised Dusty was so important. I came home a bit non-plussed really. I wasn't really moved by the concert as I was far removed in the top tier. But mainly my disappointment was because Dusty hadn't given enough time to my favourite songs. I remember the audience perhaps more than I do Dusty.

I look back on this night now as a true privilege. I witnessed a Great Woman who has become more and more important to me, and, her sense of self-deprecating humour (of course she wasn't going to wear a long black dress!) but also I think that she was starting to forget how great she was and I felt she (and her audience reflected this) didn't treat herself with sufficient respect. I witnessed her at a time when she could have made a come back if the cards had been right and I witnessed her audience - the people that would pay good money to see her in concert over and over. It was a narrow London fan base at that time. There was hysteria but, my goodness, there was a lot of love too.

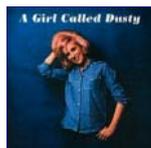
Memphis

Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 08/06/2009 23:02:47

**Cardiff Bluesgirl**

I'll try anything

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Posted - 08/06/2009 : 21:29:07

I saw her several times in the sixties Rosie, when she first went solo from the Springfields. I had loved them from the start and was so excited when she went on her own. I went to see her on my own every time and she was brilliant. that era is my favourite of hers (and probably mine!!)

I have never lost my total fandom support for her. she was so happy and full of life on stage she used to chat a bit but was very shy and of course she was so shortsighted that she couldnt see anyone. I have always loved the big ballads she does but I also loved her doing the motown stuff. she danced all round the stage to "dancing in the street" and "Mockingbird." if you look through the archives on here there are other comments about those who saw her and met her etc. 😊😊😊

"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

liz.

Edited by - Cardiff Bluesgirl on 08/06/2009 21:30:28

**dancer8595**

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Posted - 08/06/2009 : 21:40:42

Memphis - thank you so, so much for sharing this, and for writing so much, and apologies for failing to find your earlier mentions of it! I know that one LTD-er has said that the set list was not what they'd have chosen and the whole thing was a little bit bonkers, but they're so glad they were there. Your memories aren't scant at all; I have very shadowy memories of some concerts I've seen within the last ten or fifteen years, as I seem to only remember them really well if I'm at the front.

I've read some little bits here and there about the Drury Lane concerts, but it's a real treat to hear an honest and detailed account from someone who was actually there. I'm off to investigate what the current state of play is with time travel. Can't be too long before it's possible 😊

(Your outfit sounds magnificent, by the way. Until now I hadn't believed anyone actually wore winkle pickers. Maybe it's time to bring them back?!)

Liz - I'm just trying to get my head round the fact that you were around during her heyday and that you saw her several times. *Several times!* What amazing memories you must have.

I'm now very cross indeed that I wasn't born much earlier 😊

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."

**memphisinlondon**

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Posted - 08/06/2009 : 22:15:08

Hi Rosie- it's odd that I remember this concert from so long ago and I'm so glad I do. I was young at the time and was into new wave and other contemporary music but at the same time I was gathering a retro collection which has turned out to be the core of my record/CD collection. This was my first 'big classic star' concert and it was so different to the rock gigs I was used to; I guess that's why it's reasonably well etched in my memory bank.

Shelly's shoe shop used to sell retro classics. I was into the 60s and 50s with a big slice of punk style by then having exhausted the 40s tailored look. I used to buy my cuban heeled winkle pickers in Shelly's. It was a groovy shop.

I wish I was 10 years older sometimes (with lots of money of course). Then I could've been there at the time! And seen Dusty in her true prime like Liz and so many lucky others here.

Memphis

Ever since we met...

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**mssdusty**

I've got a good thing

USA
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Posted - 09/06/2009 : 20:41:12

OK THIS IS MY STORY. YOU HAVE HEARD IT BEFORE BUT HERE IT IS AGAIN 😊

1967

ONE EVENING MY SIS AND I WERE LISTENING TO THE RADIO STATION AND THE D.J. CAME ON AND SAID BRITISH SINGER DUSTY SPRINGFIELD WILL BE JOINING US TOMORROW.MY SIS AND I LOOKED AT EACH OTHER JUST THEN.NOT BELIEVING OUR EARS.SO IT WAS ME WHO WENT TO HOLLYHOOD. (AS MY SIS HAD TO WORK THAT NEXT DAY) ALONE, I HAD NEVER GONE TO HOLLYWOOD BY MYSELF.BUT I FOUND THE RADIO STATION.FINDING PARKING CLOSE BY I WAITED OUT SIDE THE GLASS DOORS

MY MOVIE CAMERA AND MY PURSE NOT KNOWING HOW LONG IT WOULD BE TIL I GOT TO SEE DUSTY.A FEW MINUTES WENT BY THEN THERE SHE WAS.TWO MEN WERE WITH HER.DUSTY SAW MY CAMERA AND ASKED ONE OF THE MEN TO TAKE THE MOVIE. I REMEMBER I COULD NOT SPEAK.YOU CAN TELL IN MY UTUBE MOVIE THAT BOTH DUSTY AND I ASKED THE MAN IF HE WAS PUSHING THE RIGHT BUTTONDUSTY WAS SO NICE AND FRIENDLY. LIKE WE KNEW EACH OTHER FOR EVER.YOU CAN SEE I DIDN'T HAVE THE PICTURE I HAD TAKEN WITH ME READY,OR A PEN TO WRITE WITH.AGAIN YOU CAN SEE IN THE MOVIE I MADE DUSTY WAIT FOR ME TO DIG FOR THEM.DUSTY ASK MY NAME AND WE LAUGHED ALL THROUGH THE MOVIE.SHE WAS SO MUCH FUN TO BE WITH.TO THIS DAY I HAVE HER IN MY HEART ALWAYS.

NEXT IT WAS 1972

AT THE CENTURY PLAZA WITH MY MOM AND SIS.WE HAD NICE SEATS CLOSE TO THE STAGE.DON'T ASK ME WHAT WE

HAD FOR DINNER, ALL I REMEMBER IS DUSTY .WITH HER LONG WHITE DRESS, LONG HAIR, AND THAT VOICE COMING OUT OF SUCH A SMALL LADY. THE PEOPLE WERE VERY NICE. YOU COULD HEAR A PIN DROP AT THE END OF EACH SONG. YES SHE DID THE "WE ARE FAMILY" BUT IT ENDED MUCH TOO SOON.
 NEXT IT WAS IN THE 80'S I THINK 84 SHE HAD HER BLUE GREEN SUITE. MY SIS AND I WALKED DOWN THE STAIRS TO GET A CLOSER LOOK. 📹...
 BETWEEN SONGS SHE CHANGED INTO HER WHITE JUMP SUITE WITH I CALL THE CAPE WINGS 😊.
 TO THIS DAY THERE IS NO OTHER SINGER THAT CAN EVER TAKE HER PLACE. MEETING DUSTY WAS TO ME THE WONDERFULEST (IF THATS A WORD) DAY OF MY LIFE. I AM SO GLAD THAT JUDITH PUT MY VHS TAPE IN UTUBE FOR ME TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU...

HOPE THIS IS OK ROSIE... I ALWAYS SAY DUSTY WAS AND IS AN ANGEL ALWAYS

😊 MARY 😊



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

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Will
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★



United Kingdom
7603 Posts

Posted - 09/06/2009 : 22:17:27

Mary, I can't tell you how thrilling it is every time I read your story of meeting Dusty. I love it. I also love watching the YouTube video, and the sheer joy radiating out of both of you in the film. I'm so glad you had the opportunity to meet her that day, and I'm also glad tat she had the chance to meet you on that street. I bet the meeting made her smile afterward and I wonder how often she thought of it. It's a really delightful story and it never fails to make me smile - thank you for that, sweet Mary xx

Will

"...a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Posted - 09/06/2009 : 22:50:54

I wish Mary would write us a book. Every little detail of every time she saw Dusty (and Elvis and the Doors and Bob Dylan and The Stones etc etc etc).

This particular Dusty story by Mary is a true treasure and it always will be and we have the amazing extremely rare color footage from Mary too. We are so lucky to have it. So lucky that Mary shared it with us. It's pure unadulterated golden Dusty with Mary pleasure treasure! Because we can see what she was like with Mary. How kind she was and what it was like to meet Dusty. The video is priceless. Thanks from me too, Mary 😊😊

Memphis
Ever since we met...



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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USA
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Posted - 09/06/2009 : 23:33:11

THANKS MEMPHIS AND WILL 📹
I LOVE TELLING MY STORY.

😊 M 😊



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Sara
I'll try anything
★★



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Posted - 09/06/2009 : 23:40:49

You're so lucky, Mary! 📹 I love your video too, and you're lucky to have had one of those cameras back then! You can tell Dusty was so lovely... Do you remember what she said? What did she say when you told her you were called Mary too? 📹

Sara x



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★



Posted - 09/06/2009 : 23:50:45

YOU KNOW SARA FUNNY THING IS BACK THEN I DIDN'T KNOW DUSTY WAS A MARY TOO 📹
ALL I KNEW WAS I LOVED HER VOICE AND MUSIC.



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Sara
I'll try anything
★★★



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Tim
Where am I going?
★★★★



United Kingdom
3422 Posts

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THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
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Posted - 09/06/2009 : 23:59:01

Aww, I guess everyone just knew her as Dusty. I would've loved to have met her:)

Sara x

Posted - 10/06/2009 : 00:43:08

Great reading all.

Your comment rang true with me Memphis...'...many seemed to be there for a party with a gay icon rather than the woman Dusty'.

Although I never saw her myself I have a friend who saw Dusty many times. He said he was dismayed at how she was treated by some of the audience at Drury Lane. He said she played up to it to a certain extent but he saw the whole thing as something of a wasted opportunity and a bit of an embarrassment. Although there were some special moments, I think as someone who was a fierce devotee he felt she'd lost her way and was frustrated at the way she sent herself up. He still loved her though I hasten to add - how could you not?!

'You talkin' about me?'

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Posted - 10/06/2009 : 02:15:55

Thanks for your comments, Tim. Even now I'm rather ambivalent about the concert because it seemed to me (but I was in the wrong part of the theatre) that many people in the audience actually weren't really there for Dusty. They were there for something else maybe just a good affirmative celebration and Dusty was a vessel for this. I saw this as disrespectful. But she had been gone a long time. Dusty pitched the concert haphazardly as a sort of facile good time cabaret as if we'd seen her only the week before and the week before that and we could see her again after this rehearsal of a concert. None of us knew this would be one of her last concerts. We easily expected to be able to see her again through the coming years.

There's another edge which is the spectre of AIDS which we didn't know about then. When I look back I think of all those gay men having such a great time and most had paid for good tickets because they were in the stalls. It's one of my snapshots of those old days. On some counts it was a very good night. I can't imagine another night like that nowadays. In retrospect it was my night of gay history with Dusty at its centre and it makes more sense to me now and it makes the night with her much more poignant and more important than I thought it was at the time. To be gay and out was a big deal. To be safe in the company of Dusty was a big deal. She must have been, at that particular time, more of a symbol and a rare mascot and less a truly revered artist (the reverence came later) except amongst her hard core of fans. In her long absence she had been reconstructed as a gay icon.

I wonder if this experience, which was repeated at the Albert Hall, dismayed her or pleased her in the longer term. I think she was pleased in the short term (although profoundly disappointed by the lack of ticket sales elsewhere) but she never played a high profile London concert again.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

paula
Moderator
★★★★★



USA
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mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★



Posted - 10/06/2009 : 03:51:26

thanks for all of you lucky ones for rehashing your Dusty LIVE experiences...I agree Memphis..Mary has some great stories..I think a fan book with everyones Dusty experiences...concerts, backstage autographs or those really lucky folks who got to converse and maybe hang out a bit w/ Dusty. enjoy all the stories ...what lasting memories ☺

paula x

Posted - 10/06/2009 : 05:33:46

ONE THING FOR SURE **I AM GLAD I MET THAT WONDERFUL LADY.**

☺MARY☺



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dancer8595
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Posted - 10/06/2009 : 08:01:09

Mary, this may be because I had hardly any sleep last night, but I was close to tears reading your story: it's very moving and quite extraordinary. I have, of course, watched your video on YouTube many times, but I hadn't heard about that day in detail, nor did I know that you'd seen her on other occasions. Memphis is right that your video is unique and very special, because there's so little colour footage of her from the 60s, and because it really shows her lovely personality. How many people who were lucky enough to meet any of the icons from the sixties also had a colour movie camera with them at the time?! Incredible. I think it's really sweet that she asked one of the men who was with her to film your meeting. It shows that a) she knew it was important to you to get it on film and b) that she didn't mind being filmed in the least, which is remarkable in itself when you think how untouchable and inaccessible some celebrities are today. Watching your video makes me love Dusty even more, if that's possible! She seems somehow more herself here than she is in almost anything else I've seen.

Thank you so much for sharing this Mary, and for taking the time to write so much, especially when you've told the story so many times already. Although if I'd ever met Dusty you'd have trouble getting me to shut up about it!

Memphis - when I think about the Drury Lane/RAH concerts it seems that they have a strange kind of sadness about them, not only because we know now that they were her last London shows, but also, as you say, because the tragedy of AIDS was just around the corner. I watch the way that the audience gets progressively more adoring and uncontrolled as the show goes on (RAH), and then I think about what happened a few short years later. I find listening to/watching the Drury Lane/RAH shows very poignant and moving. I know they're far from perfect, and if I'd gone to see her and she'd done all her classic songs in a medley, I'd have been disappointed. But I'm so glad that we have the RAH DVD at all, given that there is no (and I find this quite heartbreaking) surviving full-length concert footage from the sixties.

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."



MissDustyFanatic
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USA
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Posted - 10/06/2009 : 08:11:01

There was also a CD of the Drury Lane concert offered here a while back. Not the greatest quality, but an absolute treasure, nonetheless.

"I've got to be where my spirit can run free..."



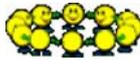
mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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USA
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Posted - 10/06/2009 : 14:39:06

YOU WOULD SAY. SHE WAS SO FRINDLY.NICE KIND ANY OTHER WORD THAT SAYS WONDERFUL.....I LIKED HOW YOU PUT IT SHE NO SHE DIDN'T MIND BEING FILMED HER HAIR WASN'T JUST RIGHT HER EYE MAKEUP WASN'T THE BLACK HEAVY STUFF.SHE HAD FALSE EYE LASHES THAT'S IT. EVEN THOUGH I WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES I HAVE A SPANISH ACCENT AT TIMES I WONDER IF DUSTY HAD ANY PROBLEMS UNDERSTANDING ME...HER ENGLISH WAS PERFECT THAT I DO REMEMBER HER VOICE SOFT LIKE DIANA. AGAIN I AM SO GLAD JUIDITH PUT MY MOVIE ON YOU TUBE TO SHARE. THANK YOU ROSIE FOR LIKING MY STORY. DUSTY WAS LIKE AN OLD FRIEND 😊MARY😊



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Sue
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United Kingdom
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 05:52:04

This is a very interesting thread, although quite unsettling to find that she was heckled on stage.

Mary: your video does Dusty great justice, in just under a minute of footage we get to see her warmth, kindness, humour, she was friendly and funny....and i think that we are so lucky as fans, to have someone who really was too good to be true.



Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 08:39:57

Memphis I just read your story and found it quite upsetting, the thought of Dusty being heckled on stage. However,



it was a very interesting read and a very different perspective of anything I ever read before about Dusty. Thanks for posting.

Marty



USA
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Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 09:25:46



I have posted my Dusty story many times throughout the years. Unfortunately, I could never find a link when needed.

I became a fan of Dusty's ever since I first heard I Only Want To Be With You on the radio and been a fan most of my life. I use to stay up late, with my transistor radio hidden under my pillow waiting for Murray the K to play I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself before I could fall asleep back in the 60s.

Dusty appeared at Stern's Department Store in New York City for an autograph signing and to promote her upcoming Brooklyn Fox Concert. The autograph signing was like a press conference with Dusty walking up and down a long runway with fans raising their hands with various questions while Dusty answered them very politely. Dusty did not pick me to ask her a question. I attempted to get on line with an autograph book, but security would not let me get on line and insisted that I must buy a record. The two that were being sold were Wishin and Hopin and the album I Only Want to Be With You/Stay Awhile. I tried to explain that I already had all her records at home. They thought that I didn't have the money to buy anything and security felt a bit sorry for me, I guess. They told me that I can meet Dusty at Woolworth's which was located next door to Stern's. She will be at the Dish Department! I did buy another copy of the 45 Wishin and Hopin, which probably is one of the best purchases I ever made :). As Dusty was signing my 45, I said Dusty trying to get her attention, but she didn't respond. I gently tapped her on her arm and she looked up and smiled. I asked her when I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself will be released in America. She replied that it wasn't. Dusty must have noticed how disappointed I was because she quickly added but it's going to be on upcoming album. She turned around to two ladies for confirmation and they both seemed to agree. I went on telling her how much I love that song. Afterwards, I did look for Dusty in Woolworth's, but couldn't find her there.

I often wonder who were those other two ladies with Dusty at Stern's. When I met Pat Rhodes at Dusty Day, I asked her if one of them could have been her. She replied that she never made that trip with Dusty. She thought one of them might have been Vicki.

The next time I saw Dusty was at the Brooklyn Fox. This was my very first concert. I must have ben 12 or 13 years old. I begged my mother to take me there, which she did along with one of my friends. WHAT A CONCERT! Just about all of Motown was there, The Searchers, Millie Small, Jay and the Americans, Little Anthony and the Imperials, The Ronettes (Dusty shared a dressing room with them I understand. As most of you know, Martha Reeves backed up Dusty at that concert. I stayed and saw the concert twice.

The next time Dusty appeared in New York was at the Basin Street East. After doing a bit of research, I believe it was located on 48th and Lex. I was too young to see her there. This is were the Buddy Rich story took place. It was well covered in the newspapers.

The next time I saw Dusty was at the Persian Room in the Plaza Hotel in New York City. She was WONDERFUL. Lot's of magic in the air that night. Her performance was truly out of this world. Where is my time machine!

The last time I saw Dusty was at the Grande Finale in New York City. The date I was originally going to see her was canceled and we did not know until we arrived at the nightclub. Management guaranteed us front table if we would return. Little did they know that they couldn't keep me away! Sadly Dusty was recovering from a very bad cold and she was not especially in good voice. It still was great to see her again. This was the last time I ever did get to see her perform.

I have a poster from the Grande Finale along with a picture I took of Dusty framed and hanging over my printer. Dusty's signed 45 of Wishin and Hopin is hanging on the wall.

Stern's Department Store is no longer there and is now an office building called the Grace Building. The Brooklyn Fox I believe is now a bank and The Grande Finale is long gone but there's lots of wonderful memories!

Marty



MissDustyFanatic
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 09:46:41



How lovely, Marty! I'd never heard your story before. While I'm slightly jealous of those of you who've actually met Miss Dusty, it's some small comfort that I get to know her through her music. I'll never meet her on this earth, but in the hereafter, I will be front row center for every concert she puts on!

"I've got to be where my spirit can run free..."



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dancer8595
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 10:59:30



Marty, thank you so much for sharing your experiences in so much detail - wonderful to read. It's particularly interesting to hear about her concerts and appearances in the US.

Taylor - I'm next to you in that front row baby! What are we going to wear?



Rosie x

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mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 13:43:48

HI ROSIE

THE FIRST TIME I HEARD DUSTY WAS WITH THE SPRINGFIELDS.HER VOICE STOOD OUT TO ME THEN HEARING THAT SHE WENT ON HER OWN WELL THAT DID IT.I GOT HER FIRST LP HEREWHERE SHE IS SITTING ON THE FLOOR.IN BLUE.

I GOT MY MOVIE CAMERA WHEN I STARTED WORKING BESIDES BY CAR THAT WAS MY SECOND BIGGEST THING I BOUGHT WAS MY MOVIE CAMERA.I TOOK IT TO MOST OF MY CONCERTS.I REMEMBER MY SIS AND I BEING DUSTY AND SINGING TO HER SONGS IN OUR BED ROOM.THAT FILM IS SOMEWHERE🙄

WONDER WHO ELSE DID THAT.SINGING TO DUSTY.



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Tom Lovett
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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 14:11:58

Hi Memphis

What night did you go to Drury Lane, there was no heckling the night I went.

Tom

In sparkle gown, perfection, spinning impossible arcs of vibrato through smouldering waves of invisible sound.



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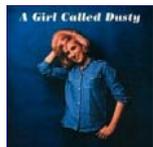
Cardiff Bluesgirl
I'll try anything
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great story Marty. oh to be young and lining up to meet the fab Dusty.

"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

liz.



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Posted - 12/06/2009 : 18:13:06

Tom - I can't remember which night and, regretfully, I didn't keep my ticket.🙄🙄

When I say 'heckling' I mean the women (a group of 5 or 6) I was sitting with were shouting for Dusty to show them bits of her body....and other heckles along those lines. This was in the highest tier so maybe no-one could hear except me. I didn't understand their sense of humour and thought they were being disrespectful. I just wanted to listen to Dusty.

The audience below were also shouting at Dusty too but those shouts were along of the lines of 'We love you, Dusty!'

Memphis

Ever since we met...



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Michael Muccino
Little by little
★

Posted - 14/06/2009 : 03:48:59

Mary - I agree with Will - Each time you tell that story about meeting Dusty it sounds better and better. No surprise it means so much to you!

Michael

"Ever since we met you've had a hold on me."



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Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 14/06/2009 : 07:05:38

I love reading everyone's Dusty stories and sharing great memories.



Marty



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hedydust
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Posted - 16/06/2009 : 23:43:32

👁️👁️ This is my story of that famous day and there after..

My sis Mary and I were listening to our AM radio and the D.J. said Dusty was going to be there the next morning,we were so excited but then I remember I had to work the next day and in those days you tried not to miss days so my sis since she was laid off of work at the time got to go.I told her to come to to my job after work to tell me all about Dusty,she took my picture at my job you could see how happy I was that she got to see and meet her.After that we made it a point to try to see her when she did a concert.First time it was at a club at the Plaza Hotel,we were so close we could of touch her she was fabulous,next time it was at the Greek theatre I put a picture on here some time ago from that concert then we saw her again,everyone loved her there was no disrespect. Oh yes I forgot my car was a 1967 VW so every time I see this picture I think of Dusty..



All I See Is You



memphisinlondon Posted - 16/06/2009 : 23:57:49

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Blimey Frances/HeyDust! Is that you? You are totally gorgeous! Sorry, I just had to say it! 😊

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Posted - 17/06/2009 : 00:50:04



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mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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😊[:] Thanks Memphis.Oh to be young again..LOL..

All I See Is You



Posted - 17/06/2009 : 01:55:56



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Cardiff Bluesgirl
I'll try anything
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WHAT IS THAT 40 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT YEARS LATER AND WE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT A LOVELY LADY.IF ONLY FRANK (AS MY DAD CALLED FRANCES)HAD GONE THEN BOTH OF US WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THAT MOVIE AND YOU TUBE.

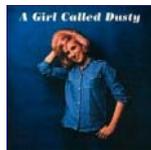


THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!

Edited by - mssdusty on 17/06/2009 03:01:05



Posted - 17/06/2009 : 13:54:53



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Cas19
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great pic and great Beetle as well. well you did at least see her at her best times as I did. they cant take that away from us can they??

"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

liz.



Posted - 17/06/2009 : 14:04:29

Great nostalgic pic of you Frances! You do look lovely.

Casx

'Something in your eyes'



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Chrispld
I'll try anything
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Posted - 19/06/2009 : 00:03:04

Great photo of you Frances.!! Good to see you.!

Chris



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1075 Posts

Michael Muccino
Little by little
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Posted - 28/06/2009 : 03:38:52

Frances - You sure make a Beetle look quite attractive!

Michael

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Clive
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Posted - 28/07/2009 : 22:27:22

quote:

Originally posted by Baby Blue

The last time I saw Dusty was at the Grande Finale in New York City. The date I was originally going to see her was canceled and we did not know until we arrived at the nightclub. Management guaranteed us front table if we would return. Little did they know that they couldn't keep me away! Sadly Dusty was recovering from a very bad cold and she was not especially in good voice. It still was great to see her again. This was the last time I ever did get to see her perform.

I have a poster from the Grande Finale along with a picture I took of Dusty framed and hanging over my printer.

Marty

Marty just re-reading this thread and I was wondering if you could tell me if you remember was there any publicity for the shows beforehand, for instance posters advertising it or any media coverage?

Also what was the set up in The Grand Finale was it like dinner and a show?

Do you recall was there any Dusty merchandise on sale at the venue?

Also did Dusty chat much between songs or mention if she was doing any recording?

It was kind of a quiet time in Dusty's career and it's great you were there for it, anything else you remember I'd be interested to know.



Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 02:11:03

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The Persian Room at the Plaza Hotel was a super club, with a cover and a minimum. Being so new to night clubs at the time, I really did not know what that meant and we ate elsewhere before seeing Dusty. The waiter kept on coming over to us pointing to the menu, but we were far too stuffed to order anything. It really didn't matter. Although it was expensive for the time, I was there to see DUSTY! I don't recall if we even ordered any drinks. I had a one track mind that night, DUSTY, DUSTY, DUSTY :)). She surely did not leave me disappointed. In those days, I never thought of anything like going back stage :(The Plaza Hotel was/is an EXTREMELY posh hotel in New York City, I would venture to say the Savoy in London would be it's counterpart. Sadly thanks to Donald Trump much of the hotel has been turned into luxury condos, but the hotel does still exist, minus the Persian Room.

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Clive I hope this answered some of your questions.

Marty

Edited by - Baby Blue on 29/07/2009 18:27:32



Clive
I'll try anything

Posted - 29/07/2009 : 07:05:28



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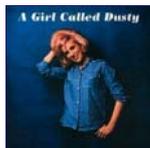
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Thanks very much Marty, I love reading all these little details, the spinach salad made me smile.

For Dusty, doing two shows a night at The Grand Finale must have been a nightmare (specially with a cold)



That was really interesting to read Marty, thank you for sharing your memories.

Casx

'Something in your eyes'



yes thanks for sharing that Marty, I am intrigued about your friend from Wales as I seem to be the lonesome maddest fan in Wales from the old days. I used to go to see her on my own when she came to Cardiff. I think that was another reason why I didnt venture back stage I didnt know she would let people in to meet her, I could kick myself now. I was 15 in 63 when she started out solo and I was only small and very shy and unsure of myself so I would have just been dumbstruck if I had met her. I wish it was now and I wouldnt miss the chance this time thats for sure. 😊

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Marty

"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

liz.

Edited by - Cardiff Bluesgirl on 29/07/2009 10:08:43



daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 29/07/2009 : 10:55:16

Thanks for your review Marty, you did post a picture once that I still have and can put on the Lady on Stage thread. I also have a taped recording on the Grand Finale and I've only ever listened to it once. She's obviously struggling with her voice and it's such a shame. There was a lovely song she sang that was new to me and I wish I could have heard her sing it again when she was in good voice, it was called "I'd Rather Be Alone".

Carole x



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Baby Blue
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USA
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"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



Posted - 29/07/2009 : 11:09:38

You are very welcome Clive, Cas and Carole. I always love to talk about Dusty!

Liz my friend from Wales name is Tony, if you would like more information, please contact me privately.

Carole please do post that picture I took of Dusty at the Grande Finale. I still never got the hang of photo bucket :(Thanks!

By the way, would it be possible to make it my Avtar?

Marty

PS. Insomnia is with me once again tonight, hope I'm making sense now.



Posted - 29/07/2009 : 11:21:53

It's posted Marty 😊 Will is in charge of avatars, I'm sure he can do that for you.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 13:18:43

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vluPzc3vq8s>

Now imagine Dusty singing it.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."

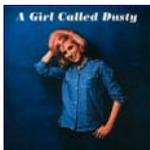


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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 13:56:51

Carole if I heard Dusty singing that I'd be reduced to tears.

Casx

'Something in your eyes'



Posted - 29/07/2009 : 14:20:13

oh dear I agree with Cas that would be so heart rending if Dusty was singing it.

"every day I find you're in my heart and on my mind"

liz.



dancer8595
Little by little
★



United Kingdom
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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 15:40:37

Oh my, what an absolutely beautiful song. It's made for Dusty. How I wish I'd heard her sing it! Thank you for posting this, Carole.

It has also reminded me how much Helen Reddy sounds like Julie London. In my opinion.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByUOFV5TusE>

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."

Edited by - dancer8595 on 29/07/2009 15:41:09



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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 18:38:47

Thanks for posting it Carole!

I want to thank everyone for their very nice comments, don't mean to slight anyone!

Marty

Edited by - Baby Blue on 29/07/2009 18:49:48

Posted - 29/07/2009 : 18:54:15

Cas I shed a few tears of happiness each time I did see Dusty!

Marty

quote:

Originally posted by Cas19

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Casx

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Posted - 29/07/2009 : 19:39:05

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Casx

'Something in your eyes'

I think all of us that were so privileged to see Dusty 'live' shed a few tears Marty!

Casx

'Something in your eyes'

Posted - 29/07/2009 : 21:01:45

What a beautiful song 😊

Clare

X

Posted - 30/07/2009 : 13:30:37

quote:

Originally posted by daydreamer

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Now imagine Dusty singing it.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."

Thanks for posting this Carole, the songwriter was Bruce Roberts who also wrote *I'm Coming Home Again*. Both songs were on his own debut album in 1977. I'm guessing Dusty had this album and did consider recording this song too, maybe she was put off by Helen Reddy getting there first with her version in 1978.

Incidentally I think Helen Reddy attended one of the Grand Finale concerts.



Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 15:25:51



I remember reading lots of famous people went to see Dusty at the Grande Finale, Rock Hudson is the only one that comes to mind at the moment, but I know there were a lot more.

Marty



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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 19:49:30



Here they are backstage at The Grand Finale



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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 20:55:37



I love that photo of Rock and Dusty!

Memphis
Ever since we met...



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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 21:19:08



Yes they look like they were close friends Memphis but I can't find any other reference to their knowing each other.



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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 21:41:50



He was so handsome 😊 There were a few taken that night as I've seen slightly different poses. Dusty must have been so thrilled, he was so Hollywood.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



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Posted - 30/07/2009 : 22:46:37



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Yes, he was so Hollywood. I have an autographed photo of him on my wall. He's in good company alongside his friends Liz Taylor and Monty Clift. But Rock and Dusty would be even better! He obviously thinks she's great and of course he's totally right. I guess you had to be Rock to get that close. I just wish I could have just for two seconds!

Memphis
Ever since we met...



allherfaces

Administrator



Posted - 30/07/2009 : 22:48:23



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quote:

Originally posted by daydreamer

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Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."

An absolutely perfect song for Dusty.

x N

There's something in my soul that will always lead me back to you.



Carole R.

Where am I going?



Posted - 31/07/2009 : 09:22:00



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'I'd Rather Be Alone'...☹

I guess many of us can relate to the lyrics of this song, from time to time.

Helen sings it well.

But, I agree, it would have been perfect for Dusty.

Carole R xx

Edited by - Carole R. on 31/07/2009 09:36:33



Baby Blue

Where am I going?



Posted - 31/07/2009 : 19:06:19



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I seem to have a bit of deja vous with this song, not sure why. Can't say that I really know it. I am a bit curious to know the history of this song.

I agree that this song would have been absolutely perfect for Dusty. I could almost hear her singing it in my mind in place of Helen Reddy. Sorry but I never was a big fan of Helen Reddy, but it's a great song. Makes me think a bit of Goin' Back.

Marty



daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 31/07/2009 : 20:05:55



United Kingdom
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As you were at the Grand Finale Marty and if you've listened to the tape of Dusty's performance since, then you would have heard her sing it, that's why it's familiar.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



memphisinlondon

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Posted - 31/07/2009 : 20:14:35



I can't imagine Dusty singing anything like 'I'd Rather Be Alone' but, yes, the lyrics are appropriate. Mind you I couldn't imagine her singing 'I'd Rather Leave While In Love' or 'Blind Sheep' - and she did!

Memphis
Ever since we met...



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Posted - 31/07/2009 : 20:31:16



I'll have to listen to that awful CD again Carole just for the song. Too bad Dusty didn't record it.

Marty



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