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Britons put their faith in Preacher Man

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richardrockstar

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Posted - 31/10/2008 : 02:20:08

Fabulous post about "Son of a Preacher Man" being the favorite tune of Britons.

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<http://news.scotsman.com/uk/Britons-put-their-faith-in.4648205.jp>

IT HAS been covered by artists as diverse as Chet Atkins, Dolly Parton and Joss Stone, and is synonymous with the cult classic movie Pulp Fiction.

Now, Dusty Springfield's rendition of Son of a Preacher Man has been named the nation's favourite song.

The song, which was released 40 years ago and only reached number nine in the charts, topped a poll of those which Britons would have on a playlist of favourites.

It beat the Rolling Stones' Paint it Black into second place and Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, which has won similar polls in the past, into third.

The favourites, compiled from a survey of 2,000 people, reinforce the old adage that they don't make 'em like they used to, with Robbie Williams' Angels, released 12 years ago, the most modern tune to make the list.

Mark Sheridan, research co-ordinator in the Department of Creative and Aesthetic Studies at the University of Strathclyde, said the list showed how people tended to favour nostalgia when it came to picking songs.

"As people get older, they tend to find themselves sounding like their parents in the sense of wanting tunes, so they hark back to a period when melodic songs were very dominant," he said.

"So you get classics from the Beatles, Queen and the Rolling Stones. All are extremely memorable for a melodic hook of some sort.

"But there also is no denying the appeal of these songs to all generations.

"Many of our students use them as influences in the music they create on the course."

Mr Sheridan said that he believed the advent of music downloading would continue to reinforce the popular taste for nostalgic songs, but said that such surveys did not tell the whole story.

He added: "I think this reflects what people carry around in their top pocket, musically speaking – they're catchy and easy to recall off the top of their heads.

"But when people get home and sit down with their friends to listen to a record, you can bet it's a different story."

Psychologist Dr Aleksander Aksentijevic said that while the top song seemed an unusual choice, the results reflected a shift in the way Britons viewed themselves. "It conveys a sense of empowerment, rebellion, urban sophistication and symbolises the new Britain at ease with itself," he said.

Preacher Man was to be the last major chart hit for Springfield for almost 20 years until she teamed up with Pet Shop Boys for the single What Have I Done to Deserve This? in 1987.

Dr Aksentijevic added that the songs chosen had a strong psychological resonance for fans. He said that Paint it Black was a "rebellious and evocative" song that represented a strong liberal outlook, as did Queen's mini-opera Bohemian Rhapsody, which he believed both "appeals to libertarians" and those of a hedonistic bent.

daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★

Posted - 31/10/2008 : 07:45:34



This story obviously ties in with the Singing Benches thread!
http://www.dustyspringfield.info/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=3916

I do wonder if the people polled were given a list to choose from, I'm sure that must have been the case. Or am I underestimating the power of SOAPM and Dusty?

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★

Posted - 31/10/2008 : 09:37:58



That may be the case Carole, but even if it was, Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody must have been a very strong contender, and to come out ahead of that one is something else.

Wendy

Edited by - Hampson on 31/10/2008 09:39:03



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Carole R.
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 31/10/2008 : 12:09:19



It is very surprising, because on similar radio polls Bohemian Rhapsody usually walks away with the honours.

Are Britons getting mellower?..Doubtful!..

Anyway we're hardly gonna argue are we?..

I see Bohemian Rhapsody was the Manchester top choice...It must appeal to all the Headbangers around the city. 😞😏😏

btw, I'm not one of them!...😏

CRx



Tim
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 31/10/2008 : 14:14:55



Dusty would be thrilled with this result - and with the fact that it's from her Memphis period too, rather than being something like YDHTSYLM.

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<http://www.timloydsmith.com>



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Will
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 31/10/2008 : 16:55:00



From todays' "Daily Record" -

Dusty Is No1 After 40 Yrs

Oct 31 2008 By Ben Spencer



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Hit Tops Playlist

DUSTY Springfield's hit Son Of A Preacher Man was yesterday named Britain's favourite song of all time - 40 years after it was released.

Researchers have named the top 10 songs Britons would have on a playlist of favourites. The choices reveal Britons are a nation of rebellious underdogs hanging on to their youth, said one music psychologist.

Springfield's hit only reached No9 in the charts when it was released in 1968.

But in the survey for phone firm Nokia, the pop singer beat The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra to the No1 spot.

Psychologist Dr Aleksander Aksentijevic said Dusty's song "conveys a sense of empowerment, rebellion, urban sophistication and symbolises the new Britain at ease with itself."

In second place were The Rolling Stones with their "rebellious and evocative" song, Paint It Black, while at No 3 was Queen's "unrestrained" Bohemian Rhapsody, which "appeals to libertarians".

The other songs in the playlist were Hey Jude by The Beatles, Angels by Robbie Williams, My Way by Frank Sinatra, Thriller by Michael Jackson, I Will Always Love You by Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin's Respect and Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley.

The survey of 2000 people also revealed differences between UK cities.

Glasgow's favourite was the Sinatra classic My Way, signifying "underdogs who fight in spite of difficult odds", while people in Manchester and Liverpool put Angels - a song about vulnerability - in their top three.

Will

"..I tried so hard, all summer through.."

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I love that line Will.

Or could it be because it was the best period for music, and there was more talent around.

Wend



Will
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★



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While the former may be true, I suspect the latter is the actual reason :)

Will

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