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Dusty - The American years

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Corinna

Forum Admin



Posted - 14/07/2007 : 19:46:14



I have a short memory, but I don't remember having seen this before. Very outspoken, and a little sad.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqLiaK6DjGk>

Cor xx



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Posted - 14/07/2007 : 20:40:14



Corinna, dearest, thank you for posting that.

I'm almost positive it is the segment from the BBC documentary Definitely Dusty that was not aired when it was shown in the US on the Ovation channel.

I now understand why the documentary I saw made such a jump...they cut out the whole American segment!

I'd love to have a copy of the complete documetary on DVD. I do wish BBC would release it!



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Gypsy Rose

Lee

I'll try anything



Posted - 14/07/2007 : 21:31:06



I have to be honest and say I get just a tad offended when they blame America for Dusty's downturn. She didn't have to live here and she most certainly could have lived in New York if she wanted a city with more to do than vegetate.

That said, Dusty's problems would have found her wherever she lived. Booze and cocaine were all over London in the 70's & 80's. One can find a 'bad relationship' 'round every corner anywhere in the world if one is predisposed to such things.

Dusty did what she did and no one could stop her except herself. Her story is the story of thousands upon thousands of us women both in and out of Showbiz. I don't see Dusty as a "tragic figure" and I'm pretty sure she would resent that mantle herself.

In the end, Dusty triumphed over her addictions; got her act together and went back home. Can we not just celebrate her triumphs and forget her "off years" by now? She was a great singer! And, people will be saying that long after every one of us here is gone.

Let's give the girl a her 'props' for the hard work she did to get her life back

under control. Maintaining sobriety t'ain't the easiest thing to do - Dusty did it - in America & England. That's all that really matters.

Love,
Ro



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Posted - 14/07/2007 : 21:49:29

I think it's natural that Dusty fans...perhaps especially British fans? ... may wonder what if Dusty had never gone to America.

Yes, drugs were everywhere, and maybe she was on a path that would have ended up similarly, had she stayed in the UK. At the same time, perhaps she may have had more support had she "stayed home"...and maybe she would have felt better because she would be recognized...she really wasn't in America, was she?

At the same time, I think Dusty really wanted to go to America...IMO she wanted to get into the movies. And sadly it didn't work out. She said herself though that it was very good and very bad for her at the same time, and (I think) necessary.

I don't think Cor nor I meant this as a 'dwelling on the dark past' celebration. For me, it's a missing piece in a biography that I'd thought odd because it left out a whole chunk of her life.

It would be nice if books/documentaries etc on Dusty told us more about her recovery...I think there is much there that would inspire others.... Maybe those who might say more about this are more concerned with Dusty's privacy than those who speak about her 'dark years.' Understandable. At the same time, as you said, Ro, it is this we should celebrate. And her music, always her music.

P.S. I'm so tired of hearing VW call Dusty lazy.



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Gypsy Rose Lee

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Posted - 14/07/2007 : 22:06:15

Oh, Nancy

I didn't think for a moment that you & Cheeko were 'dwelling on the past' - the video itself did that. And, seeing VW blabbing on about her 'best friend' gets my blood boiling even on a good day.

The one thing Dusty never seemed to understand was that one cannot be a Pop star forever. As far as getting into the movies, easier said than done - look at Cher - won a damn Oscar - where's her career these days? It's a cold and nasty business. I wouldn't want my child to go into it. And, if he did, I'd say 'take the money and run' - it's that fickle.

My point is that Dusty got a second chance - both in life and in the Business - very rare indeed. She earned it through doing the hard work required to stay sober one day at a time. God bless 'er!

Love,
Ro



Teda

Little by little



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Posted - 14/07/2007 : 22:37:56

I can say the 5 years that I knew Dusty in the U.S. She was sober. The rest before I knew nothing about. The day she started on her getting it together Trip. I was there. Love Teda



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 14/07/2007 : 22:56:02



THANK YOU SO MUCH LADYS
MARY

I only think of the day I Met Dusty and MY pains go away.IT's Great!



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Mark
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 14/07/2007 : 22:56:03



Thanks for the link Corinna!.....I think this is from the same programme that Norma was interviewed for.....it was the Media that drove Dusty out of Britain, as all of Dusty's contempary's were married by by the dawn of the '70's, and it was a case of 'why wasn't Dusty hitched?'.....the Media makes me sick, after all, look what pursuing Princess Diana for a potentially controversial photo achieved🙄

Still, as Dusty herself said on 'Full Circle', "I have a small but loyal following", it's her Music and her Fans that mattered to Dusty the most, and we know who we are, and that's why we're all here, to celebrate Dusty's life and Music for evermore.....

God bless Dusty

Love Mark x



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Posted - 14/07/2007 : 23:09:54



Mark, yes...that's the program I was referring to. There's the same backdrop for Madeline and her hair is the same, so I'm almost certain it's Definitely Dusty produced by Serena Cross for BBC.



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Kathy
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 15/07/2007 : 04:26:04



Yes, I have seen this footage, I think in Definitely Dusty. I am going to check. It is one of the very few times we see Dusty's long time friend Helene Sellery.

I can only begin to imagine the effort Dusty must have put into getting her life together, particularly in such an industry. This is the most amazing and as Nancy says inspiring part of Dusty's life journey for me. I am in awe of her grit and determination to achieve it. Dusty deserved to be rewarded with a second chance at success.

xx
Kathy

"I sometimes smile when I think of how I looked then..."



daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 15/07/2007 : 10:54:51



I'm still not sure it was the media that drove Dusty out of Britian, I've been told many times that it was Norma who persuaded Dusty to go to America and at that time she was mixed up and unhappy. Dusty always said she'd wanted to try the American dream from being a little girl influenced by MGM movies. It didn't work out as she planned and it seemed she had a love/hate relationship with California but she stayed for an awful long time.



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She got out of some messy situations and she also made some wonderful friends who she said she missed badly when she did finally come home. There wasn't a happy ending here but she did seem to find peace, I just wish she'd had longer to enjoy it.

Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



Mads

Where am I going?



Posted - 15/07/2007 : 11:00:53

Well said Carole 😊



This clip is *definitely* from Dusty Definitely!

I think I might actually murder Vicki Wickham if I run into her on the street.

How can you say that about your best friend? Someone you've been friends with for such a long time?

And then she sits there with that stupid smile on her face!!

Grrrrr 😡

LOVE MADS.

Edited by - Mads on 15/07/2007 13:01:57

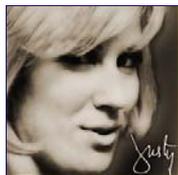


Corinna

Forum Admin



Posted - 15/07/2007 : 13:00:16



So it's a clip from Definitely Dusty! I thought the setting looked familiar in a way, but I didn't make the connection to the documentary.

I wonder what VW gets out of going on about Dusty's "laziness". It's such a blunt and ignorant approach to a phenomenon VW must have witnessed several times, being a manager - artists losing their direction. Compared to Pat's sensitive and empathetic approach, VW seems so cold-hearted and indifferent.

I was so surprised when I found this clip. It was a part of Dusty's life I knew very little about (apart from DWD, that is...). So, no dwelling in the past, just a new bit to add to the puzzle. 😊

Cor xx



Tim

Where am I going?



Posted - 15/07/2007 : 14:55:52



Hmm ..laziness or necessary downtime - always asking myself that question!

While not dwelling in the past too much - I still find the need to remind people - who may not know the full story - WHO Dusty was - and how much of a triumph her life was. A person who battled some heavy odds at times and produced a timeless legacy of amazing music - and indeed beautiful images of herself as a woman to us. I can't begin to think what a hard task Dusty's career and life was for herself and others to manage, but VW's version of the truth could very well be coloured by commercial rather than personal concerns - as most of us suspect.

When Dusty left us, Vicki must have suddenly found herself in a unique position to control Dusty's image - & I believe she's still trying to do that to this day. I'm sure Vicki didn't have an easy life representing Dusty, but there were other managers like Vic Billings who actually were more crucial to Dusty's career at its peak, not to mention people like Pat - and numerous friends and lovers who have been missed out in subsequent interviews.

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Whenever I hear Vicki's voice I wonder if Dusty is looking down on her with contempt or compassion at her need to rewrite herself larger in Dusty's life than she actually was.

I'm glad clips like this are freely available on the internet and we should all feel free to comment under them - to set the record- if not straight- then at least as a perennial topic of debate.

Having mentioned VW may I now say that we of course should not use the forum to personally insult someone most of us have never met. We are of course here to remember Dusty with respect to all.

T ;-)

Edited by - Tim on 15/07/2007 14:57:22



Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:08:14

Well said, **Tim**. 😊

I think you're onto something there, **Cheeko**. Agents & managers always think you're '**lazy**' if you don't jump at every chance to make **THEM** some \$\$\$'s. 🙄🙄

Love you kids,
Ro 😊



MattMidd1

I've got a good thing
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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:24:30

aww we love you too! 🙄

Matt.



Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
★★

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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:39:44

Mattie Me Laddie

You're such a cutie. 🙄... if I were only 45 years younger. 🙄🙄

Love,
Ro 😊



MattMidd1

I've got a good thing
★★★★★

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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:45:14

hehehe 🙄

btw, how dya know I don't go for the more mature ones? 🙄

Matt.

Edited by - MattMidd1 on 15/07/2007 15:46:12



Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
★★

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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:54:21



Meanwhile... back at the TOPIC! 🙄



MattMidd1

I've got a good thing
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Posted - 15/07/2007 : 15:56:55

oh cmon Ro, whats wrong? Can't take a lil harmless flirtin? 🙄

Matt.



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Originally posted by daydreamer

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Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

Carole, can you tell us anymore about Norma's reasoning about Dusty moving to California?



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daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 15/07/2007 : 20:37:01 



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Not a lot I can add to it Nancy, it's just something that's been said to me over the years. Norma was going and she wanted Dusty to go with her. I'm sure there were other issues going on as well, I think the fall out with Vic may have had something to do with Norma too, but don't quote me on that, though I don't think I've made it up! If I can jog my brain into remembering more detail, I'll get back here.

Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 16/07/2007 : 02:33:43 



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thanks for pointing out this video 😊..I too have wanted to see 'definitely dusty' in its entirety..have seen the list of people who were interviewed but have never seen it whole. I was glad this clip included Helene Sellery ..she seemed (from things I've read..whether true or false) to be a good friend to Dusty..all the years in California and later in the UK..she seems to have always been there for Dusty when she needed it (and Dusty for her also)..anyway it was nice to put a face to the name.

I also get really pissed when I read or hear remarks of Dusty being lazy..why is it necessary to keep saying?..also, she seemed to work her ass for a number of years..put out a good amount of music..just because she's not making music..she's lazy?..there are so many other things that go on in peoples life ..maybe she wanted some personal time..this makes her lazy?..and maybe she was sometimes..SO WHAT. Hell, I'm only 47 and I so wish I could stop working right now..don't a lot of people feel that way?? ok well, thanks for the clip.😊

paula x



Teda
Little by little
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Posted - 16/07/2007 : 04:30:28 

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Dusty was never lazy. Helene was a good friend. She passed a way a couple of years ago. I saw Helene in action. Out for Dusty all the way. Dusty was always ready for the next move. Hejene talked just alltle to much to VW. She probely thought it ws going to be OK for the book. Dusty had nothing to do with the book. When I speak I know what I know. I ask and I'm told. I say nothing that I don't know for sure. Now Norma I might see her at a party, I'll ask if thats true. Dusty and I went down to her Norma's mother's house. Nice lady. Maybe Norma asked her to move there cuz her mom lived in L.A. Stringfellow is one thing she hated, but she did it. I nver saw lazy. She'd read very good books. While I read the Hillside Murders. Love Teda xx



Isparks18
Little by little



Posted - 16/07/2007 : 12:08:18



Carole G. said something in her first message that has always really bothered me. Yes, she went drifting, but why so long? She spend a very large chunk of her adult life here in the states adrift. That is the pity.

Linda



USA
132 Posts

daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 16/07/2007 : 13:07:35



She did make foray's back here though Linda, a couple of times in the late 70's with albums and for the Stringfellow deal in the 80's, and maybe if one of those had really set her career blazing again, she'd have stayed.

Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

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Edited by - daydreamer on 16/07/2007 13:08:34



Isparks18
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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 13:39:45



I think you are right Carole. A hit and maybe she would have stayed. Sometimes tho I wish Dusty had compromised a bit and gone to Nashville. Something to keep her employed and then maybe she could, in addition, do the things that really counted to her. In a sense you have to admire her artistic integrity, but.....

Linda



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Gypsy Rose Lee
I'll try anything
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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 13:55:02

Yeh, **Linda**

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In the business, 'artistic integrity' and 50-cents'll get ya to Carnarsie or the Unemployment Lines - whichever comes first. 🤔🤔🤔🤔

I'm with ya on that Nashville idea, though - especially in the late 70's and early 80's when it was mostly "Pop" music coming from there - Kenny Rogers, Barbara Mandrell, et al.

Love,
Ro 😊



Mads
Where am I going?
★★★★

Posted - 17/07/2007 : 14:08:06



She did spend a *long* time away, didnt she? 😞

Oh well, I'm just grateful we didnt lose her for good 🙏



LOVE MADS.



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Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 14:19:34

To be frank - every artist who's enjoyed any career longevity has had to play the clubs and Vegas - Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosie Clooney, Lena Horne and now even Celine Dion has to earn her fat check in Vegas. Yeh, Vegas sucks but it's where the work is for solo singers and has been for ages. I've never met a female singer who really liked working Vegas; but, as they've told me 'it pays the rent'.

It would seem Dusty chose the wrong line of work if she didn't want to play the Club Circuit - not just Vegas but the Parker House in Chicago, the New York clubs, Atlantic City, the posh San Fran hotels. It wasn't like she had to sing at the Yahooot County Fair! 🤪🤪🤪

Just IMHO, of course.



Teda

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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 17:29:50

Bette is coming in after Celine. Dusty didn't want to play Vegas. I think it would have been fun. Love Teda.xx



Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
★★

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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 17:34:55

She could have afforded to replace that Thanksgiving Dinner egg if she had. 🤪🤪🤪



daydreamer

Moderator
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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 17:52:22

She did do a week in Lake Tahoe, does that count? 😊



Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



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Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 17:57:05

Nope. 🤪



Teda

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Posted - 17/07/2007 : 21:38:06

That was the American Years. I bought some eggs today. Thought of Dusty. Love Teda.



Isparks18

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Posted - 21/07/2007 : 12:16:12

I don't think Vegas or Nashville sound like horrible compromises. As Ro Said, look at Sinatra, Ella, etc. The point was to stay employed and keep your name out there. People can forget you rather quickly. Thank God the Pet Shop Boys had good memories.



Linda



Birdie Breeze

Little by little

USA
248 PostsPosted - 22/07/2007 : 20:04:42  

The press would have been totally all over her in the UK for any drinking/drug and bad relationships - so, if she had stayed there, it would have gotten very public, been very messy and may have bottomed her out and gotten her help faster, but that would have been the only real difference...except it could have also have killed her. Jimi and Judy did not get out of England, alive. It isn't about "places"...however, in Los Angeles you can keep a much lower profile and hide.

I have felt the same way as Ro' - always and I always will. Dusty worked damn hard to recover and put her life back together and was very courageous to make a career comeback and become a public figure again, after all she had been through.

People who were involved in her recovery are not tabloid fodder, crappy musical or movie fodder. She had some excellent wonderful people in her life and those kinds of things will never be their scene.

We also have active busy successful lives with a lot of responsibilities.

You know how it goes...the bad news always ends up on the front page and the great stuff gets lost back in the B section in some little sidebar column.

Last of all - to create something of real value, it usually takes a great deal of time and effort and a number of special people involved....

So...that all said, your patience will be required :-)

Lorna Luft, for instance, did not get "Me and my Shadows" (book and tv film) done for decades after Judy's d