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daydreamer Moderator 5 stars

Posted - 02/02/2009 : 12:29:16



BBC Radio Manchester are doing a tribute to Dusty on March 2nd on the slot in the evening aimed at the LGBT community and are looking for a gay or lesbian fan to interview.

There are some details of the programme on Simon's site.

http://www.simonbell.com/DUSTYNEWS/DustyNewsblog/33BD6A4A-65CB-4FA3-9AFB-BOA1519BFCCB.html

Carole x

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

Posted - 02/02/2009 : 13:03:58

Will Wasn't born to follow 5 stars

Fraser would have been absolutely perfect for that.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 03/02/2009 : 09:31:44

Oh! yes I have to agree there Will, he certainly would.

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



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Will Wasn't born to follow 5 stars

Posted - 03/02/2009 : 18:07:23

Has anyone responded, Carole? I do hope so.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 05/02/2009 : 16:18:01

Not sure Will but Radio Manchester are spreading the net wider.

<http://www.lgf.org.uk/news/957/590/Dusty-Springfield-Memories/>

Carole x

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



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Will
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Posted - 05/02/2009 : 17:53:26



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I see they are widening the net, as it were. Maybe what they need is someone who has, perhaps, done something to ensure Dusty's memory and music live on.. someone who is erudite and eloquent.. someone who knows their stuff.. even if that someone was in, say, America.. someone who has a 'feel' for Dustyness.. someone who is, perhaps, quietly assertive or, to put it another way, Bosseh - er, I mean bossy.. wish we knew someone like that :)

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Berthavenation
I'll try anything
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Posted - 05/02/2009 : 18:46:15



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Thought we already had such a person, Will 🐱



Frans



allherfaces
Administrator
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Posted - 05/02/2009 : 19:51:03



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I am not sure they would be interested in me, as I'm American (not in the neighborhood), and more of a current fan than one with 60s memories, but you can ask them if you want. I'll put a notice on the inprivate lez list and see if any Manchester area Brit girls respond there.

Will would also be a nice addition, I agree, although I hope they will have at least one female on the show.

x N

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



daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 05/02/2009 : 22:22:55



I do think that they are looking for local people to go into the studio, and hopefully they will find some. Although Fraser and Michael could have ticked all the boxes, I do wonder if they would have wanted to speak on radio anyway. Fraser hated hearing and seeing himself on Rock Shrines and Michael pushed me forward and stood behind the camera! There may be fans in the Manchester area who also tick all the boxes but would they want to be so open about admitting their

sexuality on radio? It's not easy for everybody I'm sure.

Carole x

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Posted - 05/02/2009 : 22:38:11



I imagine they would get suitable people - after all, if you are gay, you simply MUST love Dusty, it's as simple that. And oh my word, some of us old queens just love to talk lol. As for me doing it (that was subtle, Frans lol, but I loved the thistle!) I simply don't have the knowledge and my Dustydom is a very recent thing, remember. Apart from which, I prefer to lurk in the shadows, and definitely choose to be behind the camera or microphone, rather than in front, which is why photos of me are as rare as hens teeth lol.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 09/02/2009 : 23:15:28



Hi All,

Just opened this thread...the people who are putting together the show contacted me a couple of weeks ago to set up a time for a phone chat. They'd read my book and saw that I'd written about Dusty's special connection to the drag community and her reception among some gay fans, so they wanted me to tape a segment on these topics for their March 2nd show.

They rang me this morning and we did a short taped Q&A for only about 10 minutes. Ashley asked good questions and I tried to answer them, perhaps in a fuller way than he expected. Academic's disease: TOO MUCH INFORMATION! I would imagine that they might need to cut some of what I said for this reason.

He asked me about the pictures in chapter 3 (Dusty's gestures) and asked me to talk a bit about them. He also asked why D seemed to have special meaning for gay fans. I said what I said in the book (ch 4) and footnoted Richard Dyer's theory on Judy Garland fans, saying that I'd sensed a similar phenomenon in Dusty reception. I also said that Dusty's demographic cut across all social lines and that her emotional intensity managed to reach all kinds of fans. I remember talking a lot about melodrama. :) TMI!!!

He asked me to comment on Dusty's sexual "ambivalence": I said that I didn't think she was ambivalent but that she had understandable misgivings (re her career) about going public. I added that she did indeed go public in the 1970 Ray Connelly interview which was unheard of at the time. Because the interview was so short, there wasn't much time to flesh anything out, but Ashley did allow me to talk quite a bit and seemed genuinely interested in the points I was trying to express. I hope they don't cut most of it!!!

I agree, that they should talk to Nancy. Having heard her before on a UK radio interview, I think she's extremely articulate in these situations.

Gotta run--have a 3-hour seminar this evening!

Annie

warten und hoffen...



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Posted - 09/02/2009 : 23:18:20



One more thing: he also asked me about the drag community and I



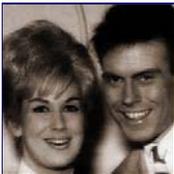
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made sure to say that the drag performers I'd interviewed made a point of saying that their performance of D was in no way a send up but a work of supreme admiration and even awe centering on her complete and amazing self-transformation.

OK--really do have to run.

Annie

warten und hoffen...



Posted - 10/02/2009 : 00:25:05

>>her emotional intensity<<

And I wonder if therein lies a clue, Annie - us gay men, we do love our torch songs and torch singers; and amongst those, Dusty reigns supreme :)

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 10/02/2009 : 04:08:37

Hi Will, yes, I agree. I prattled on quite a bit about this in connection with the Dyer reference. I hope they don't cut it! I also hope the Brit listeners don't think I'm a tosser! :)

Annie

warten und hoffen...



Posted - 10/02/2009 : 07:49:24

LOL I very much doubt that, Annie :)

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 10/02/2009 : 13:40:13

Glad to hear they interviewed you, Annie!

x N

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



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 20:32:42

I totally lost track of time and tuned into the programme 15 mins into it. They're just playing ICMEACTT. Those (probably only in this country unfortunately) who want to catch up later can listen again at....

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/manchester/>

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Carole x

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



daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 02/03/2009 : 21:03:02



I obviously missed Annie's interview in the first 15 mins but I'll go back and listen to it later. Nice interview with Simon and great to hear tracks like I'm Coming Home Again, Spooky, I Will Come To You and I Had a Talk With My Man played on radio.

Carole x

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



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Dee Votion
I start counting

Posted - 02/03/2009 : 23:17:01



you can listen to it here for 7 days

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p001d7c1>

It was funny at the begining to hear them interupt the programme to talk about the Oldham football match scores but then when you heard that they were playing in a special pink soccer strip all to raise money for breast cancer support it couldn't have been more poignant.

I'm so pleased that the BBC did this local tribute but what has there been nationally in the media apart from the upcoming woman's hour special?

Andrew x

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Posted - 02/03/2009 : 23:21:35



I plays in the US. Yeah!

x N

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Posted - 03/03/2009 : 00:09:18



Thanks very much for the link Carole. Here's the direct link (saves one click!):

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0028nd0>

I've just finished listening. I loved this well thought through show. A chunk of the background research comes from Annie's 'Dusty!' book. I loved hearing Annie Randall, Howard Lifsey/Lori Le Verne and Simon Bell. They all spoke thoughtfully and contributed to a broad (and satisfying) picture of Dusty. There was an un-named fan at the beginning. This should have been on national radio.

I liked the references to her artistry. 'She lived the words'. That she could sing anything brilliantly. Simon chose 'I Had A Talk With My Man Last Night' because it is so controlled, so emotional and brilliantly sung. Howard focused on the difficulty of The Look, the melodramatic movements and YDHTSYLM. Annie focused on those 'high emotional climaxes' ie those cliff hanging notes in the Italian ballads inc. All I See

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Is You and Di Fronte All'Amore and the way Dusty appeals across all demographics. Annie also spoke about the relationship to Judy Garland, in terms of those 'will she make it' notes, Dusty's relation to her gay audience and the boldness of her Ray Connolly interview. [I'm still not sure about the Judy link but I'll learn]. I just thought the whole show was great. I really enjoyed it. And it featured three of my personal favourites, 'I Will Come To You', 'Spooky' and 🤩'The Look Of Love'.

I didn't know about the Woman's Hour special. Thanks Dee.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 03/03/2009 00:33:21



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x N

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Hi Nancy. What do you mean, more of a G show? I'm interested to know.

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I thought some of the guests explained well her appeal to gay male fans. Her appeal to lesbian, bisexual, and transgender -- or even 'queer' fans-- is not always identical to that of gay men, and was not explored.

x N

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I thought what the interviewees said would resonate with all fans. I liked that. But come to think about it, the L word was absent. And so were L fans talking about what Dusty meant to them. That was a flaw but maybe the producers couldn't find anybody. The Judy Garland reference, which I have difficulty with, points directly to pre-Dusty generation gay male fans (OK the older Judy was around in the 60s). That could have been balanced out and maybe there could have been a discussion. I just checked Annie's earlier posts here and I agree they should have talked to you. You appear to be the only 'out' L Word Dusty fan in the world!

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Originally posted by allherfaces

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I would have liked to have heard more from Annie as well and unless I missed something, I don't think they even mentioned she had written a book on Dusty, though Howard did. I had to smile at the footballer's memories of seeing the Springfields at the Golden Garter. It didn't actually open till 1968! False memory, we all have one. I think the Woman's Hour programme is being done because of Annie's book and so yes, she is interviewed, hopefully in a little more depth, but we shall see. Andrew, I know of no other tribute programmes, so good on Radio Manchester.

Carole x

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



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Posted - 03/03/2009 : 19:00:14



LOL Memphis! I could make you a long list of out "ladies for ladies" Dusty fans right on this forum, regardless of whether or not they use 'the L word' to refer to themselves (and some do).

Of course I agree that all fans have many facets of their Dusty appreciation in common. At the same time, it intrigues me how she can speak so deeply and somewhat differently to such diverse audiences-- ages, nationalities, sexual orientation, gender, etc. In interviewing Carole and Maura, for example, Annie does a great job in her book showing Dusty's important to straight adolescent girls. And Dusty is well established as a gay icon. I'm just saying she's a "dykon" too. ;-)

x N

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spooky

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Posted - 04/03/2009 : 02:42:01



Hi All,

Just tuning into this thread. I haven't listened to the show yet but can tell from the comments that they must have cut most of what I said. Oh well, that's the risk of these things.

About Judy Garland: even as the words came out of my mouth I was regretting it, anticipating that they'd leave out the explanatory bits.

I was noting a musical similarity in some of D's and J's most famous songs. I quoted Richard Dyer's remark about the triumphant reaching of the climactic high note as a sign of personal resilience (the comeback against all odds) that may have special resonance among gay fans in a homophobic society. The interviewer had asked me if I thought D's music might have *special* meaning for gay fans. I cited this as something to think about, as one of many possibilities.

Too bad that interviewers want definite answers and will edit the material to make the statement seem more definitive than it was intended to sound.

It's very tricky to ascribe motivations to one fan group or another, esp

as there is so much common ground among all D's fans. In fact, I think this common ground across all demographics is something unique to Dusty fandom.

I'm going to listen to it now!

Annie

warten und hoffen...



trek007
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 04/03/2009 : 10:36:27



I really enjoyed listening to the programme.

Good on Radio Manchester and LGBT.

Trek.
often called Carole.



United Kingdom
1100 Posts

paula
Moderator
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Posted - 06/03/2009 : 04:24:04



I was happy that we could receive it ...for once, over here on the other side of the pond.

I too love that Dusty and her music reaches out and draws in so many from all genres and walks of life. I think its one of the reasons I am very attracted to Dusty fans..its a strong connection and its wonderful that Dusty has left that for us all to share. 😊

thanks for posting Dee Votion.
paula x



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