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Me, Mum and Dusty Springfield - again

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Posted - 15/04/2009 : 16:49:14



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Last year Cas and I went to see a short play at the Royal Exchange in Manchester, written and performed by Stephanie Ridings. Stephanie has now expanded her play into a longer piece and is performing it later this month in Preston.

ME, MUM & DUSTY SPRINGFIELD

'what I'm gonna tell you now wont be easy to say..'

written and performed by Stephanie Ridings

23rd & 24th April 2009, 8.00pm

Mary has lost her mother. She hasn't misplaced her she knows exactly where she is; she's in the urn on the edge of the table. Mary's mother consumed every minute of Mary's life... make that Mary's mother consumed half of Mary's life the other half was infiltrated by Dusty Springfield. Dusty's music, Dusty's wigs, Dusty's drinking and especially Dusty's outbursts. Now that both Dusty and her Mum are gone all she has left are some ashes and a wig that's seen better days. Mary has reluctantly promised she will carry out their dying request...but can she go through with it?

Me, Mum & Dusty Springfield is a black comedy, sprinkled with Dusty lyrics and coated with a song or two. The work examins relationships, people (who are not quite what they seem) and how we cope with loss when its too late to say sorry.

The Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP 01772 499 425 / www.newcontinental.net

Carole x

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

boztiggs Where am I going?

Posted - 15/04/2009 : 17:37:15



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I remember reading about this first time round, it sounds great, if not a bit sad, I have some empathy too lol

Neil

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, i hold his photograph and pray ill see him soon oh-oh"

daydreamer Moderator

Posted - 25/08/2009 : 21:04:49



http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0043642/Becky_Want_25_08_2009/

Stephanie Ridings was on BBC Radio Manchester this afternoon talking about her show (at 2hr 3mins in). The interesting thing is that the longer version of the show that is now at the Edinburgh Fringe will be



moving to the Lowry Theatre in Salford in February. Seems reviews have been good.

Carole x

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



daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 03/11/2009 : 12:34:24

Lowry dates now in...



<http://www.thelowry.com/WhatsOn/EventDetail.aspx?EventId=4060>

Carole x

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



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spooky
Little by little
★

Posted - 04/11/2009 : 02:53:28

This looks so interesting. Carole, have you met the author? I wonder if she could be persuaded to do her show during the Dusty Day weekend? She'd have an appreciative audience! I'd love to see this. I'm very interested in all the Dusty-themed plays that have cropped up in the last couple of years.



Didn't Nancy see one in P'town last year or the year before? And then there was the one from California that was scheduled to play in NY last spring but the theater went bust and it was cancelled. There was, of course, the dreadful play I saw at La Mama 2 years ago--I needed a couple of whiskeys immediately afterward!

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Interesting, isn't it, that Dusty seems to be appearing in stage plays with some regularity. Oooh...I feel a research project coming on!

Thanks for posting this.

Annie

warten und hoffen...



allherfaces
Administrator
★★★★★

Posted - 04/11/2009 : 02:58:55

http://www.boston.com/news/globe/living/articles/2005/07/08/a_look_of_love_at_dusty_springfields_life/



2005--how could it have been that long ago? Good show and all those I brought along really liked it.

x N

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



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paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 04/11/2009 : 02:59:59

there does seem to be a constant trickle of Dusty plays.



I too saw the La Mama play, Annie...and I agree.

Also saw the play that Nancy saw..'A Girl Called Dusty' (i think it was 1995?) There was some talk on 'A Girl Called Dusty' showing in London ...wasn't there?

paula x



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Posted - 04/11/2009 : 08:37:16

quote:

Originally posted by spooky

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Annie



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I did meet Stephanie very briefly after the show at the Royal Exchange and she's a 'friend' on Facebook, which is how I get to know what she's doing. I believe this is an extended version of the play she first did. It's a funny one really, it's not all about Dusty, she's just the link to everything. Cas and I went originally, and we got all the Dusty references, like lines from songs and Dusty quotes, but not sure all the audience did! It had it's funny moments but it was quite dark really.

Paula, I think the A Girl Called Dusty show has now been totally re-vamped and has had a couple of workshops in London. I might be confused but it could be the one that they tried for funding on Dragon's Den <http://www.dustythemusical.co.uk/>

Carole x

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

Edited by - daydreamer on 04/11/2009 08:37:47



Cas19

Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 04/11/2009 : 09:23:24



I thought this was quite good when I saw it with Carole, and I felt she had quite a decent sort of voice for the songs. Maybe you really did need to be clued up on Dusty to appreciate the finer points. Bit weird in parts from what I recall!

Casx

'Something in your eyes'



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ErgoFergo
I'll try anything
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Posted - 04/11/2009 : 14:07:02



quote:

It's a funny one really, it's not all about Dusty, she's just the link to everything.



I often think this might be the best way to go about a Dusty movie, if we can't have the epic that Dusty really deserves.

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Vicky
x



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