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Sarah

Little by little



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 00:04:11

Been digging about on the internet some more and found this article. I'm sure this will be familiar to most of you, but I thought it's cute so it deserves another reading! 🍷

Her real name's O'Brien it is -- Irish-Scottish descent, and there's an overworked but apt Celtic word for the witchery which perfectly describes her...glamour. She's 5'3", has green eyes, is 23, and weighs -- "Help, I'm overweight, it's terrible" -- 112 lbs.

She decided while still in school that there's always Room at the Top and set right out to move up. And move up she has--to become one of England's top 3 singing stars. Not only her vibrant voice but her personality qualifies her as the female version of the current image of "hip". Part of this image is due to an elusive quality of unpredictability, of pleasant surprise and psychological double-take on the part of her audience. Just when you think you've got her pegged...

For instance, she comes on stage dressed in simple and almost severe chic like a cool, sophisticated chanteuse. Then she opens her lovely mouth and proceeds to belt out a number stadium style. When you meet her in person she is strangely foreign-looking. Then, suddenly, she speaks to you sweetly in a voice surprisingly clipped, refined and distinctly British.

"I hate work," she says, which is a bit of a shocker coming from such an obviously hard-working, career-dedicated young beauty. Then she adds, "But I love singing. I want to sing the songs I like and absolutely make other people like them too." She doesn't intend to stay where she is, enviable as her position may be. She wants to keep developing as a singer, try all sorts of new material, pioneer into different types of vocal challenge.

Work-hater or not she seems to devote practically every waking moment to her career. Playing down her own contribution to the success of Dusty Springfield she says she has had "all the breaks," having been lucky enough to find just the right people to help her. Of these she places first and foremost Vic Billings her manager and closest personal friend. Romance? No one knows. "I suppose some people manage to have a successful career and marriage too ... I'm sure I couldn't." Then just when you're gulping that down she adds, "...But I'll probably try." This chick is full of surprises.

She rather puts a damper on inquiries into her after-hours life, parties and like that. "I am not fun-loving," she announces. While you're trying to rephrase the question tactfully, laughs abruptly and relents. "Of course I like parties," she says, "the right kind, that is--small, congenial, informal--with music. I need music at a party. Must have it."

Actually, her professional day-and-night schedule leaves her very little time for parties at this point--"...or men," she adds with a brief sigh. As for men, intelligence, humor and companionship attract her more than the "desperately masculine" type, out to prove something which shouldn't need proof, at least in public.

Like so many attractive females she has doubts about her appearance. "My nose is too long," she says. Well, it's rumored Cleopatra's was, too, but she did all right. She finds all sorts of fault with her face and figure but doesn't have much luck finding people to agree with her. However, she's not vehement about it. Just matter-of-fact. She doesn't put herself down in a neurotic way, though.



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She takes great pride in her vocal style and skill as a performer. She knows what she has and is determined to use it to the utmost. She likes startling contrasts in clothes, such as black with shocking pink.

There is a peculiar quality of individuality about her. Though very much a product of the 60's she carries with her an aura of the decade before she was born--the fabulous 30's. This was the era that created glamorous individual women who set a distinctive note and copied no one. One thinks of Harlow, Lombard, Shearer, Dietrich and Garbo. There's no conscious imitation of course! Dusty's completely involved in her own time and place. But the impression remains.

She was born in London and had a convent education. Her father works for the income tax bureau, her brother is a writer, her aunt does social work. She lives on dull, respectable Baker Street. "My face and middle-class background were my greatest handicaps in starting out. The upper and lower classes are uninhibited; the middle class is too restricted." She began singing with her brother's group, the Springfields, and when that broke up, she decided to solo. Since then she has had an enormous amount of success which shows no sign of letting up.

"If you had to do it all over again, would you do it any differently?" she was queried.

She smiled.

"That's a question for Marlene Dietrich. Come back in fifty years."

Thanks, Dusty. We will.

Teen Trends, January 1966

Not sure about Dusty being 23 in 1966, but a nice article anyway! 😊

memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 24/03/2009 : 00:19:57



Brilliant! Thanks so much, Sarah. I've never seen this. I love it. Everything is in there and now I know, for the first time, that Dusty had an aunt and her aunt was a social worker.

Just great!

Memphis
Ever since we met...

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paula
Moderator
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Posted - 24/03/2009 : 02:00:14



a first read for me too. thanks for posting it, Sarah.
.."strangely foreign-looking"..hmm, I DO wish I met Dusty, at least once, in my lifetime...or maybe twice. 😊

paula x

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Posted - 24/03/2009 : 07:40:09



That was so cute!!

Come back in 50 years...such a shame we cant! 🙄

LOVE MADS.

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Will
Wasn't born to follow
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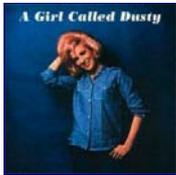
Priceless! Nice find, Sarah :)



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Will

"..so catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."

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Posted - 24/03/2009 : 10:11:43

hadnt seen that before. good article.

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

liz.



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 10:40:53

Thanks for posting the article Sarah. I had American pen pals in the 60's and we would swap stuff from magazines etc. I got this then and was absolutely thrilled with one of the pictures that came with it. You can guess why🤔



Carole x

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



streepalicious

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Hampson

I've got a good thing
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Posted - 24/03/2009 : 11:25:11

That is a brilliant picture Carole! Makes me smile!🤔

What an interesting article too. Little things I didn't know in there too, like her aunt. What about her mother, though? Doesn't Mrs O'Brien get a mention?

I only regret Dusty isn't here for that in 50 years time! 🤔 Wish I had gotten the chance to meet her....Oh well, in my next life!

Edited by - streepalicious on 24/03/2009 11:25:55



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 12:28:58

That's a wonderful find Sarah - many thanks for your dilligence.



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Posted - 24/03/2009 : 12:30:08

Great picture Carole, is that Dusty destroying the ozone layer all by herself.



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Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Wend



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 17:47:23

I remember the article well. I almost think it's one the back of one of her American albums, I have to check. Also remember the picture with Dusty getting her hair teased.

Nice to see them again.



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misty
I'll try anything
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Marty



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 21:24:23

Nice article with some new facts about Dusty. Thanks for posting.

misty 🤔



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Sarah
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Glad you enjoyed it! 😊



Posted - 24/03/2009 : 22:47:17

And fab picture, Carole!! That's a lotta hairspray!! 🙌



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I'll try anything
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Thanks for that article Sarah, and thanks for the photo Carole.



Posted - 25/03/2009 : 00:33:00

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insomniacafe
I'll try anything
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Posted - 26/03/2009 : 02:29:33

2010-07-28

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What a great find, thanks so much for sharing.

>"I am not fun-loving," she announces.

Sure, sure... :P

Michael



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