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MissDustyFanatic

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Three star rating

Posted - 01/09/2008 : 10:26:10



I'm not sure there's a thread about him on any other part of the forum, but I've looked. I know after the Springfields broke up, he did a lot of production work, most notably for the Seekers, and had two albums of his own, but I've not been able to find anything on what he did after the 60s. The only mention of him I've been able to find since then is when he scattered Miss Dusty's ashes at the Cliffs of Moher. Does anyone know anything about him? As far as I know, he's still alive.

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daydreamer

Moderator

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Posted - 01/09/2008 : 22:25:16



He is very much still alive. At the time of Dusty's death he lived in Chelsea, not sure if he's moved since then but both Pat and Simon are in touch with him.

Carole x

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

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memphisinlondon

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Posted - 01/09/2008 : 22:39:50



That's great to know. Thanks, Carole.

I've said it before but Dusty and Tom deserve a combined biography. I bet it would be totally fascinating.

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Posted - 01/09/2008 : 23:29:39



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Oh, good to know. I've heard his and Dusty's relationship described as 'ambivalent' for most of their adult lives, though in DWD (and I take that book with a boulder of salt) it was said that they did get close again near the end.

I would love to read a biography of Tom, Memphis. Outside of The Springfields, though, they did very little together musically that I've seen, so I'd be curious to hear why you'd like a combined biography. To me, any biography of Dusty would mostly be about her music, and it seems to me that Tom did little with music after the 60's. What was HE doing during those years? He's been out of view musically longer than Miss Dusty was in the mid 70s.

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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 00:16:55

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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 01:45:06

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Memphis, that's exactly why I'd love to find out about Tom. By all accounts he was the favored child, but Dusty became the star. And then....nothing. No one (aside from Pat Rhodes and Simon Bell) seems to really know what Tom did after the Springfields and the Seekers, and what his life has been like since the 60s.

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allherfaces

Administrator



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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 02:04:25

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That's what I would have guessed, Nancy, thanks for letting me know. It seems to me that decades have gone by with no mention of Tom and what he's done in the intervening years.

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allherfaces
Administrator
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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 04:50:38

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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 06:49:54

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Marty



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daydreamer
Moderator
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Posted - 02/09/2008 : 07:08:22

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I saw that page, I kid you not Nancy, just last night. I'm just curious about the 30 year gap in information about him. I do wonder if he ever felt envious of Dusty's fame eclipsing his own. Perhaps that's why they were never really close until her later years.

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