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Dusty's 70's albums (#p80832)

by **rowley** » Fri Nov 25, 2011 8:15 pm

Hi All

First time poster so go easy on me. Am a relatively new Dusty fan and am in the process of getting her studio albums, have all her UK sixties studio albums and have ordered the goin home box set for christmas (the cheaper version unfortunately) However I am looking eventually to get Dusty's 70's albums but have seen they are deleted and so not particularly cheap to pick up, and although they can be downloaded am something of a luddite and would prefer to have actual physical CD's.

With all this in mind and the expense of getting her seventies albums meaning it will be a gradual process, which would you recommend should be the first I get, which if any are the weaker etc. If it helps any my favoured 60's albums are the later ones such as Definitely and Dusty in Memphis, any advice would be much appreciated.

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Re: Dusty's 70's albums (#p80835)

by **allherfaces** » Fri Nov 25, 2011 9:49 pm

Hi Paul, and welcome to Let's Talk Dusty! We tend to go easy on everyone here (and if anyone treats you differently, we want to know about it.)

My question back to you would be where have you been looking for these CDs? And do you mind purchasing them used or do they have to be new/sealed?

I'm sure people will have all sorts of views about which 70s albums are the best, but two at the top of my list would definitely be 🎵 From Dusty With Love (Gamble and Huff album) and Beautiful Soul (basically Cameo plus tracks from the incomplete Longing). 🎵

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Re: Dusty's 70's albums (#p80837)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Fri Nov 25, 2011 9:52 pm

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Howdy Rowley:

If you have an eBay account, and some patience, you can get her 70's CD's pretty cheap - \$10 or less if you are persistent. The LP's can be had sometimes even cheaper.

The 70's album I like the best is actually rare on CD, therefore it can be pricey, and that's CAMEO (1973) . Produced and largely written by the team of Lambert and Potter they gave her some terrific uptempo songs like BREAKING UP A HAPPY HOME and her post-60's voice was in great form here.

You mention Dusty In Memphis and Dusty Definately, but from her early work EVERYTHINGS COMING UP DUSTY is her masterpiece as far as I'm concerned - she produced all of her albums from 1963 to 1968 and this was her second. It really shows her command of the musical genres she recorded.

Also it helps to become totally familiar with her sixties sound in order to decide what you like from her seventies stuff because she turned over the producing to other people, with mixed results. As she later said herself "Nobody knows how to produce me but me".

Maggie

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Re: Dusty's 70's albums (#p80847)

by **mnmcv1** » Sat Nov 26, 2011 12:30 am

welcome Paul! 😊

Agreeing with the other posts, I'd recommend CAMEO (1973), as her voice is still in similar form to her late 60's work, Lambert & Potter do a good job producing her (despite behind the scenes tensions), and it's got a good batch of songs. Since it didn't do well commercially, it's definitely a hidden treasure.

The album was released on CD by itself, but I'd recommend the collection Nancy mentioned, BEAUTIFUL SOUL (THE ABC/DUNHILL COLLECTION), which has all of CAMEO (sequenced exactly as the original album), followed by Dusty's unfinished, unreleased album LONGING (1974). so you're getting more bang for your buck (and you're getting some great recordings that went decades without being heard, like "In the Winter", "Exclusively For Me", "Angels" and "Beautiful Soul").

Nancy's other recommendation, FROM DUSTY WITH LOVE (titled A BRAND NEW ME in the United States, 1970), is a cool collection of protoypical Philly Soul with a pop sheen. There's less variety as far as styles and genres, but for the most part the songs are great and Dusty sounds great as well.

Her UK only release SEE ALL HER FACES (1972) has some fantastic songs, but it's such a random hodgepodge of work from various sources (particularly Side 2 of the original album), that it would be tough to recommend it above the aforementioned albums.

That leaves her late 70's comeback albums. Of the two, IT BEGINS AGAIN (1978) is the best, and i definitely hope you seek it out soon, as it's also a commendable artistic statement. 🤔

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Re: Dusty's 70's albums (#p80860)

by **rowley** » Sat Nov 26, 2011 9:02 am

Many thanks for all the advice, think I will have a dig around and try and find a copy of beautiful soul without having to remortgage the house. In the interim though have cracked, got into the 21st century and downloaded Fron Dusty with Love, am listening it now and is as good as your recommendations suggests. Thanks for your patience on nursing me through this, am sure as I try to get my knowledge up to speed it will not be the last time.

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Re: Dusty's 70's albums (#p80864)

by **Frans** » Sat Nov 26, 2011 9:34 am

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