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Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22299)

by **Carole R.** » Mon Jun 14, 2010 9:42 pm

..As mentioned by Brian on 'The Other Side Of Life' Forum.. 😊

Maybe we should have a tribute thread to all the talented performers(in their own right) who backed Dusty so brilliantly both on record and in performance. 🙏

This lady isn't mentioned very much, but I believe she backed Dusty on a number of occasions.



The brilliant, and under appreciated(imo) Doris Troy:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQwVB67bJSQ[/youtube]

CR xx

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22302)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 14, 2010 9:49 pm

Ooh Carole, I love Doris. Here's my fav.

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEL7e13DKSo[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22304)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 14, 2010 9:51 pm

Of course there's poor dear Lesley who was sadly taken from us this year 🌹

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ8i3BhhV6U[/youtube]

My fav Lesley. RIP

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22305)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 14, 2010 9:53 pm




And where would Dusty have been without Mads. Great early performance here which I love.

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThxnRrwIHAQ[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22334)

by **Brian** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 7:34 am

WOW!..Havent seen that Madeline clip before - how lovely  
..and how 'I'll do anything' wasn't a number one record for Doris I'll never know 

Brian

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22348)

by **SweMaria** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 10:22 am

humboldt wrote:

And where would Dusty have been without Mads. Great early performance here which I love.

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThxnRrwIHAQ[/youtube]

Thank you so much for this "Madeline clip"! 

She sounds wonderful! 

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22349)

by **Carole R.** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 10:22 am

The most marvellous, and much missed, Kay Garner.



[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lkhji_K8nDI[/youtube]

CR xx

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22385)

by **Corinna** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 5:00 pm

That was very touching.  Such a brave and humorous performance, despite the fact that she lost her battle against cancer only 3 months later and must have been quite ill already.. 

Thanks for posting that one, CR.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22386)

by **karen** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 5:13 pm

Yes thank you Carole, wonderful of her to do this , a very brave lady. 🌹

Karen.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22421)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 8:57 pm

Dusty's backing singers deserve a big fat chapter when that definitive Dusty book gets written. Dusty always made sure she had the creme de la creme backing her. Just another important instance of Dusty's quality control and power over her own recordings. It is this kind of attention to detail that ensured the high quality of Dusty's albums. Dusty was never interviewed in depth about the making of her albums and that's a shame because she really was a great hard working producer and she worked with the best and she knew who the best were! Here are a few more backing singers that made my eyes pop out when I realised that they had backed Dusty on her American albums:

Clydie King - Soft and Gentle Ways (Clydie is on 'Cameo')

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8ykHPzJvkw>[/youtube]

Brenda Russell : 'Get Here' (Brenda wrote this song and is on 'It Begins Again'):

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvtXnJ_e6tE[/youtube]

Patti Brooks - After Dark (she's on 'It Begins Again' too)

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Awkhl1H1F2s>[/youtube]

Diane Brooks - 'Picture Me Gone' (we know this song by Madeline Bell. Diane is on 'It Begins Again' too!)

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZkXDHeQuPM>[/youtube]

and of course the fabulous Sweet Inspirations backed Dusty on 'Dusty in Memphis':

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1wAjtKfYiY>[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22423)

by **humboldt** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 9:13 pm

And of course there's the fabulous Kike Dee 🌟

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY0I0dYHvic>[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22425)

by **humboldt** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 9:17 pm

The amazing Miss Valerie Simpson 🌟

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNJ5OnN-YEg>[/youtube]

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAUYq_YOgmU[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22429)

by **Brian** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 9:23 pm

I think it's safe to say Dusty had the BEST backing singers . Unless she had signed to Motown and got The Andantes!!

These ladies really were 'the cream of the crop'. We are unlikely ever to see such talent again in our lifetimes.

Brian

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22433)

by **humboldt** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 9:42 pm

Venetta Fields - pity the sound is way out of sync!

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgcApmM9-ko>[/youtube]

Sherlie Matthews

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AEx_sW8OtQ[/youtube]

Melissa Manchester

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_MZo88gzrA[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22436)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 9:49 pm

I had to look this up because I can't access my books due to some decorating happening right now. In Darlene Love's autobiography she talks about Dusty with a lot of affection as a singer's singer. Darlene as part of The Blossoms backed Greats including Elvis and she also sang on Dusty's 'Sweet Ride'. What a sweet recording session that must have been!

Sweet Ride - Dusty and the the Blossoms:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZO_jM074EA[/youtube]

Darlene Love - 'Strange Love' (one of the great tracks she recorded in her own right with Phil Spector and it's one of my favourite records):

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFZlnprweEU>[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22444)

by **humboldt** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 10:10 pm

Thanks Melanie, I love Darlene too. 😊

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22446)

by **Sweetbaby** » Tue Jun 15, 2010 11:32 pm

😊 Dusty's **Brand New Me** album was an early credit for the Sweethearts of Sigma - Carla Benson, Evette Benton & Barbara Ingram - who can be heard on virtually every Philly Sound track ; the trio, touted as the most prolific session singers ever, sing here for the outfit Metropolis:
[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF4Tvg5lxEk[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22448)

by **jeffery** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 12:52 am



The links to Doris Troy, Leslie Duncan, and Kay Garner were a real treat. thanks everyone. 🎵 🧐

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22449)

by **Sweetbaby** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 12:58 am

😊 Here's Dusty's original back-up chorale the Breakaways: Jean Hawker, Margot Newman & Vicki Brown.
[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAsvjOnCZ9w[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22463)

by **trek007** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 8:00 am

Dusty must have had the best backing singers of anyone during her career.

All are wonderful singers in their own right...and the other side of the coin is that she was a backing singer for some of them! Not many stars would do that.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22477)

by **daydreamer** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 9:12 am

And let's not forget the wonderful Ellie Greenwich (What Good Is I Love You and probably others). I love her singing Sunshine After the Rain.

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBaPkCFOklg[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22482)

by **karen** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 9:28 am

Jogged my memory here Carole remember this ?[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4w9j5zwVtU[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22536)

by **Chris80** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 6:47 pm

Here are some more tracks from the fabulous Ellie Greenwich, who sadly died last year:

A later Beach Boys track:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faUbHhogXkM[/youtube]

Famous by Ike and Tina Turner:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzbFnRTfCJc[/youtube]

Another one:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsJ9klyzcAg[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22567)

by **humboldt** » Wed Jun 16, 2010 8:56 pm

How could I have forgotten about Ellie 🌹

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22614)

by **Mark** » Thu Jun 17, 2010 8:25 am

Lyn Cornell and Ann Simmons (The Pearls) have said they've backed Dusty but it's unsure which actual songs they backed. 🤔

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22688)

by **Sweetbaby** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 12:33 am

😊 Stevie Lange had been ID'd as a Dusty backing vocalist although I can't find any specific credits; here's Stevie fronting the group Night in 1979:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kji0iO4bwMw[/youtube]

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22709)

by **Brian** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 7:35 am

I think it's about time we mentioned SIMON BELL....Dusty's 'rock' for many years.

Brian

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22713)

by **daydreamer** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 8:17 am

Stevie Lange is the same as Stevie Vann, she sang on Sometimes Like Butterflies.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22840)

by **Sweetbaby** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 7:40 pm

daydreamer wrote:

Stevie Lange is the same as Stevie Vann, she sang on Sometimes Like Butterflies.

😊 Thanks for clearing that up - Stevie's always ref'd as Stevie Lange in the mentions of her performing at the 2001 Blue Plaque unveiling at Dusty's Kensington residence so that's the name I searched under re her Dusty associations. The clip I posted was of a performance by the group Night on **Countdown Australia**, Oz being the only territory where *Hot Summer Nights* had any real impact (#3); the band's personnel also boasted ex-Manfred Mann's Earth Band frontman/guitarist Chris Thompson, legendary session keyboardist Nicky Hopkins - he'd played on **Dusty Definitely** & would play on **White Heat** - & a pre-Pretenders Robbie McIntosh on guitar.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22852)

by **jeffery** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 8:49 pm

🎉 Hurray for Brian! 🍷👍

It's hard for me to think of Simon as just one of her background vocalists. He's done so much more for her, and for the rest of us for that matter. For example penning the lyrics to YDHTSYLM with Vicky Wickham. In concert Simon covered for Dusty hitting the high notes when she no longer could. I think we should refer to him as her #1 background vocalist ! 🙌

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22853)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 8:53 pm

Jeffery, Simon Napier Bell wrote the ydhtsylv with V.W not our Simon Bell. but apart from that yes he is and was a true star as back up and friend.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22854)

by **karen** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 8:57 pm

All you say I agree with Jeffery , but it was Simon Napier Bell , who wrote the English version of YDHTSYLM. with Vicki Wickham. 😊

Karen.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22855)

by **karen** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 8:58 pm

Snap Liz. 🍷

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p22870)

by **jeffery** » Fri Jun 18, 2010 11:25 pm

👍 Thanks Liz. That was a source of confusion for sometime. 😊
Now I understand the nature of the middle name "Napier".

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p24604)

by **Clive** » Sun Jul 04, 2010 8:32 am

There are some nice backing vocals on *You Set My Dreams To Music* and *Let Me Love You Once Before You Go*, does anyone have any idea who the vocalists might have been?

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25673)

by **daydreamer** » Sat Jul 10, 2010 5:13 pm

I'd like to say I recognised the harmonies and it was Maxine Waters, Julia Waters and Carmen Twilley, but that would be a lie, I asked 😊

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25678)

by **Clive** » Sat Jul 10, 2010 5:29 pm

Wonderful thanks Carole, I recognise all those names from other sessions, nice to finally know.

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25756)

by **Sue** » Sat Jul 10, 2010 10:24 pm

All great tracks and singers here 😊

Just for grins this is one of my favourite clips with Dusty and her backing singers and they are having a lot of fun 🍷

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LssoTizDld8>[/youtube]

Sue xx

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25758)

by **boztiggs** » Sat Jul 10, 2010 10:36 pm

one of my fav clips sue, I love it, what a little powerhouse, amazing


neil 

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25779)

by **jeffery** » Sun Jul 11, 2010 3:23 am




Look close,..This clip reveals the stature of "little" Leslie Duncan. She's standing on a box! And thanks Sue, this clip also linked me to a utube clip of Dusty singing "Higher and Higher". I've never heard it before. A real treat. 

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Re: Dustys Background Vocalists. (#p25808)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Sun Jul 11, 2010 10:05 am

as they say these days " she nailed it" great clip she was just awesome,noone could touch her for sheer diversity of songs she could do. 

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