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by mnmcv1

Posted: Sat Jan 22, 2011 1:50 am

well, not her movies, per se, but the films Dusty sang the theme songs to. \bigcirc

Was wondering which of these films y'all may have seen- any worthy of recommendation? Any that should be avoided?

I've seen a few, but I'll start with one near the end of Dusty's career, While You Were

I'm not a big Sandra Bullock fan, but the film is a cute, amusing romantic comedy. I was playing A Very Fine Love at my mom's house a couple of weeks ago, and my sister started singing, word-for-word, "Wherever Would I Be?". Imagine my surprise! Both my mom and my sister knew the song from the closing credits of the movie.

Who says people dont pay attention to closing credits?



I really want to see The Stunt Man- I've heard good things about it, mainly Peter O'Toole's performance, for which he got an Oscar nomination. (Why "Bits and Pieces" didnt rate a nomination is another of the many what-if mysteries in Dusty's career). Anyone seen it??

Re: Dusty's Movies...

Posted: Sun Jan 23, 2011 12:23 am

sorry Markus... I haven't seen it either. I would also like to hear a review from someone out there who has .

paula x

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by **Sweetbaby**

Posted: Sun Jan 23, 2011 1:09 am

Uve seen neither The Stunt Man or While You Were Sleeping but I'm one of the probably comparatively few people who saw Getting It Right when it played in theaters. My awareness of Dusty at the time was somewhat casual - until I saw the closing credits I thought possibly Lulu was singing the theme song. Actually I'd rate the song as okay & the movie as fantastic - sentimental & predictable but it worked for me anyway. Finding out what a ghastly human being leading man Jesse Birdsall is has dampened my enthusiasm somewhat.

I caught the opening of Kiss Me Goodbye on the tube & just wasn't intrigued enough to watch all the way through. I was struck by Claire Trevor who at 72 was essaying her last big screen role as Sally Field's mother: Claire showed an imposing presence which "reminded" me of how Dusty might have appeared had she stayed with us into her senior vears.

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by st louis blues

I remember seeing this movie when I was a young teen .At the time I thouht it was a really cool movie. It's about a fugitive who stumbles onto a film set while he is running from the police. He gets hired as a stunt man, that's how he hides from police. I know that's not a very good discription, but it's been a long time since I have seen it. It's sort of a movie within a movie. In fact, I may have to watch it again to see if I still like it.

Posted: Sun Jan 23, 2011 6:05 am

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by **mnmcv1** Posted: **Wed Jan 26, 2011 3:40 am**

@Sweetbaby- I actually liked *Kiss Me Goodbye*- it's nothing brilliant, but i thought it was a breezy, amusing little comedy. I knew it was Claire Trevor's last film (for old movie lovers, she was in the original *Stagecoach* and won an Oscar for her role as Edward G Robinson's aging gun moll in *Key Largo*), but I didnt draw the parallel with Dusty and how she might come across if she were here today.

(inside joke- my mom owned this film on BETA when i was a kid. We knew the theme song, and my sister used to change the lyrics to "but it's an ice cream"... Θ)

Of course, Dusty recorded MANY songs that ended up in films as themes or figuring prominently.

I've seen a few of these, but most I haven't...

The Corrupt Ones
Casino Royale
The Sweet Ride
Say Goodbye, Maggie Cole
Corvette Summer
The Stunt Man
Kiss Me Goodbye
Scandal
Getting it Right
While You Were Sleeping

and then there's those where Dusty may not be in the actual film, but she later recorded the theme (or in the case of one, she didnt make the film but did make the soundtrack)...

The Thomas Crown Affair
The Happy Ending
Time For Loving (Paris is Made For Lovers)
Norma Rae

and of course, there's also Pulp Fiction... ©

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Sweetbaby Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2011 1:25 am

I saw Say Goodbye Maggie Cole on its initial airing & in that case I did actually identify Dusty pretty much immediately as the vocalist on *How Can I Say Goodbye* which was sung under the opening credits & also during the climactic scene when Doctor Maggie Cole (Susan Hayward) is keeping watch by the bedside of a young woman in the final stages of leukemia. Say Goodbye Maggie Cole is worth seeing over & above its Dusty connection: unfortunately as is seemingly the rule with early TV movies there's been no evident interest in making Say Goodbye... available after its initial airing & a few reruns.

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by hedydust Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2011 2:03 am

© © I've seen the movie "Pulp Fiction" where she sang Son Of A Preacher Man thie movie was very popular.. •

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Sweetbaby Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2011 9:02 pm

Although Dusty never recorded it she did sing Sail the Summer Winds from the nautical adventure film **The Dove** on the Golden Globe Awards television broadcast in 1974 (the Best Song category was taken that year by We May Never Love This Way Again from **The Towering Inferno**). Written by Don Black & John Barry - the team behind the immortal **Born Free** theme - Sail the Summer Winds was actually recorded by Lyn Paul whose single fell short of the official UK chart - then formatted as a Top 50 - while spending sixteen weeks in the extended Top 60 chart with a #52 peak.

Here's Lyn:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1Aoi3UIKcw[/youtube]

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by daydreamer Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2011 11:24 pm

Richard, I didn't know that Dusty did much at all in 1974/75 and I don't think I ever heard of her doing the Golden Globes. Are you sure, where did you hear this? I just did a bit of surfing around and came up with this list of the winners and nominees in 1974 and 1975, which is the year Sail the Summer Winds was nominated.

http://www.imdb.com/event/ev0000292/1974 http://www.imdb.com/event/ev0000292/1975

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Sweetbaby Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2011 12:04 am

I am indeed sure - saw it with me own peepers!

Please forgive my citing the broadcast year as 1974 rather than '75 and for misidentifying the winner as *We May Never Love This Way Again* when it was in fact *I Feel Love* from

Benji, an error due to my remembering Maureen McGovern singing *We May Never Love This Way Again* on the Golden Globes broadcast & the fact that said song did indeed win the Oscar. However I now do recall that John Davidson who was that year's Golden Globes host sang *I Feel Love* & that it was that song which took the Golden Globe.

I almost posted that Dusty's participation in the Golden Globes broadcast would have been one of the occasions her path crossed with Dionne Warwick's as Dionne sang *The Way We Were* for the Golden Globes; however I realized before I posted that Dionne's performance must have dated from the previous year. My memory is amazingly acute but on occasion requires fine tuning! I do remember the performance of *On & On* from Claudine which was nominated for a Golden Globe the same year as *Sail the Summer Winds*: that Gladys Knight & the Pips number was performed on the Golden Globes broadcast by Thelma Houston of whom previously I'd had zero awareness.

The prestige level of the Golden Globes seems to have fluctuated over the years: my impression is that in the mid-70s the Golden Globes had zero prestige & the awards broadcasts were bargain basement so - sadly - it's not surprising that Dusty would be a performer on the 1975 Golden Globes broadcast at a time when her career was overall in a state of stasis.

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by mnmcv1 Posted: Tue Mar 08, 2011 3:39 pm

a few weeks ago Curtis bought me Scandal on DVD (as a Valentine's Day gift! 📦 🎔).

I was excited, as I'd never seen it. Last week we finally got to curl up on the sofa and watch it. Overall I really enjoyed the film , although Curt admitted he knew nothing about the Profumo Affair, and as a result was having trouble keeping track of what was going on. But he did know "Nothing Has Been Proved", so when something happened in the film that is mentioned in the song, I'd sing that little portion in his ear ("in the House a resignation", "Johnny's got a gun", etc).

One thing we both were surprised to see is Johnny was played by the lead singer of Fine Young Cannibals!

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Corinna Posted: Tue Mar 08, 2011 5:10 pm

Curtis knows how to spoil you! El It never occurred to me to look for the DVD of the film! Must do it now, surely I'll find an excuse to buy it!

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by mnmcv1 Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:11 pm

saw another of Dusty's theme song movies this past weekend- Corvette Summer.

UGH. 🔓

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Corinna Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:41 pm

Have recorded **Breakfast on Pluto** which was on TV recently. One of those rare Dusty moments on Swedish television. Remind me what the Dusty song used was......?

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by mnmcv1 Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:48 pm

I've never seen *Breakfast on Pluto* but of course had heard of it. \bigcirc I'll have to check it out next time it comes on (it plays on Logo from time to time).

the song Dusty performs in that lousy movie is "Give Me the Night" (remember the ad for it? "High Octane Springfield"...lol).

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by karen Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:49 pm

It was Windmills Of Your Mind.

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Corinna Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:51 pm

Windmills - ah!

I *love* Give me the night... SP Pity the movie around it was bad!



Re: Dusty's Movies...

by karen Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 3:54 pm

Trailer from the film..

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by SweMaria Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 4:53 pm

Corinna wrote:

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I saw the movie(a part of it) last Friday on Swedish Television, Corinna! Upon I had been listening to Dusty's music all evening and I thought I had to stop... I put the TV on and there she was again... Upon The Windmills Of Your Mind" Upon I had to stop... I put the

The song was also played at the end of the movie..during the credit thing..

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Corinna Posted: Mon May 23, 2011 6:36 pm

She wouldn't let go of you, Maria! And did you watch Kobra also, with Spooky played?

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by terri Posted: Tue May 24, 2011 2:23 am

What about He Shoots Coppers- it has Dusty tune I believe "Its thye Way you Make Me Feel."

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by karen Posted: Tue May 24, 2011 8:03 am

Checked this film out, He Kills Coppers , seems they removed Dusty's song from DVD of this.

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by Carole R. Posted: Tue May 24, 2011 11:25 am

Clip of TV film, 'He Kills Coppers' featuring ICMEACTT:

Kelly Reilly looking very Dusty-like too.

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5399g ... shortfilms

CR xx

Re: Dusty's Movies...

by SweMaria Posted: Wed May 25, 2011 10:13 am

Corinna wrote:

She wouldn't let go of you, Maria! And did you watch Kobra also, with Spooky played?

No, she wouldn't let me go, Corinna! ® But that's OK with me ® I watched Kobra(with Spooky) on SVT Play yesterday!

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