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by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 8:01 am**

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Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 9:19 am**

thanks corinna 😊

i often wonder if it had been the queen sitting there would the outcome have been the same.

anita x

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 9:52 am**

I think that it was more an unfortunate misunderstanding in what Dusty said and how it was heard because it sounds like she is saying the royalty isnt quite the standard expected and Maybe old Huffy Mags thought Dusty was saying that she wasnt Royal enough, meaning she was the stand in everywhere for the Queen. Dusty didnt deliver the joke properly, partly due to being breathless from singing and partly due to nerves. 🙄 a bit like the current situation with the Labour party electing in the younger brother as leader and the older one always being miffed at second place.

I dont think she would have been annoyed at the reference to the "Queens" in the audience as she had many friends in her entourage who were Gay.

as usual this was distorted by who knows who in Maggies gang.

just my view though.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **SweMaria**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 10:49 am**

Corinna wrote:

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Thanks Corinna! 🙌 Do you know where in the show she said that 🤔 Was is after her first song 🤔
"I'm curious I wanna know" 😊

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **humboldt**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 10:59 am**

I don't think that Dusty did anything wrong in what she said. I'm sure that Mags laughed but that some jumped up flunky went and made a big issue of it. After all why would Mags take offence as she had many gay friends and some in her own family are gay/bi-sexual!

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 11:06 am**

Although there was no harm in it, I don't think it was an 'off the cuff 'comment..
I'm thinkin that Dusty planned to say it ,she sounded so out of breath.
In my opinion, that was down to nerves. 😬
She liked to tread an audacious line now and again, didn't she?! 😬 😊
The audience realised what she was getting at unbelievably quickly as well... 😬
As for Mags.. well, I wish she'd been as prudish and particular when taking those long, hot, freebie, hols on the Island Of Mustique..Some of the tales I've read about *them*, would make 'ones' hair stand on end... 😬 🙌
Thanks Corinna. 🙌

CR xx

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **karen**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 11:50 am**

Agree with you Carole.. 😊 no offence taken by the audience was there ? 😊 and like you said Mags led a pretty colourful life herself, Totally OTT making Dusty send a letter of apology, she did have a great sense of humour. they all loved her for that. 🙌

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 12:12 pm**

Dusty had indeed planned to say it, there's a documentary where they show the comment written down on a sheet of paper. And I also believe that this was blown out of proportion by someone at the palace, rather than by Mags herself.

I don't know where in the show she says it, but since she says "good evening, good evening" my guess is that it's after the first song or set of songs; so early on.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 2:55 pm**

I read in one of the bulletins (i think) that Fred Perry said it was his idea for Dusty to say that, in relation to a comment made by John Lennon about people in the dear seats

jangling their jewellery (can't remember the whole quote without searching).

I remember bette midler saying something similar about queens at last years variety show which put me in mind of what dusty said.

anita x

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **karen**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 3:07 pm**

Remember this Anita , she obviously got away with it , it's before her second song...
[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlPvDoaXn1c[/youtube] [IT'S AROUND 4-00]

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 3:35 pm**

wow that was quick, thanks for that Karen 😊

anita x

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 3:42 pm**

unfortunately its saying embedding disabled by request, watch on youtube.

anita x

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Tommy Stevens**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 3:52 pm**

small town girl wrote:

I read in one of the bulletins (i think) that Fred Perry said it was his idea for Dusty to say that, in relation to a comment made by John Lennon about people in the dear seats jangling their jewellery (can't remember the whole quote without searching).

Something like: On this next number, those in the cheap seats clap your hands and the rest of you just rattle your jewellery.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **karen**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 3:57 pm**

if you just click on you tube tag [top left] it, it will come up 😊

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 4:39 pm**

It doesn't come up for me either Karen. I put one of Facebook yesterday that had the same effect.

Dusty's Royal Box quips came after she sang I Close My Eyes, so at the beginning really.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **small town girl**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 4:47 pm**

i went to youtube and typed in royal variety performance 2009 and watched it there 😊

thanks 😊

anita x

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **SweMaria**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 10:26 pm**

daydreamer wrote:

It doesn't come up for me either Karen. I put one of Facebook yesterday that had the same effect.

Dusty's Royal Box quips came after she sang I Close My Eyes, so at the beginning really.

Thanks for the information about "the Royal Box quips" Carole! 🙌

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Thu Sep 30, 2010 11:31 pm**

Just to make some further connections....Bette got her start playing at The Continental Baths in NYC --. I remember going to one of her earlier concerts (after she had released a couple of albums) in the early 70s, and the queens were throwing towels on the stage in tribute. 😊

And Bette of course was and is a huge of fan of Dusty. She's on record making more than one remark about Dust, one of my favorite is that 'she never sang a false note.' And she's in the audience when Dusty is inducted into the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame--with glasses on. (That makes me smile, which I needed, as I the performances and remarks of others didn't especially.)

Anyway, Bette rocks, she is a great lady and great performer, and she also has the very best of taste, knowing and proclaiming that Dusty is one of the greatest ever. Which of course she is.

Back to the RAH isn't Dusty on record somewhere as saying that Marg went off in a tiff and had a gin? Maybe she didnt' like Dusty's familiarity....I heard that they sometimes partied together and Marg was a bit of a swinger herself, so maybe it was a little too close for comfort....who knows, but demanding the apology is ludicrous...but interesting that Dusty signed it.

To Americans, this whole royalty business in modern times is hard to grasp.

PS Have gotten many laughs with the line "I saw the Queen in London" -- mouths drop open-- "where?" they ask ... "on a float in the gay pride parade" I answer. 🙄

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Fri Oct 01, 2010 12:49 pm**

yes Fred had said it was his idea to say it like John Lennon and rattling the jewellery remark at the Royal Variety show. he regretted that she had all that grief about it, but Maggie was always more Regal than the Queen and as I said earlier always seemed to be miffed that she was the "spare" and not the "Heir" I was always amazed that when she was at parties in peoples houses or they were staying with her that if she decided to stay up all night everyone else had to because she was SO important and demanded it 😞 I still think it sounded like it wasn't heard correctly and someone in the entourage wrongly took offence on Maggies behalf. 😞

anyway I love Bette and she was lovely on that show. I am sure the Queen would have loved it.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Fri Oct 01, 2010 6:52 pm**

Commercial break! 📺

If you want the "Royalty" comment and many more fab live performances on CD, you should buy Live Performances Vol. 3! You can see which other songs are on the CD in the A Song For You section. All proceeds to our Dusty charities.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Sarah**

Posted: **Sat Oct 02, 2010 10:56 am**

😊 Thank you Cor for posting the sound clip! I've read the quote many times but have never actually heard La Dust saying it. It was a lovely treat for a Saturday morning! 📺

An apology letter over THAT?! I think I read that Dusty framed the letter and kept it, can anyone confirm if this is correct? 🙄

(Edited to include a happier looking emoticon! 😊)

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Oct 02, 2010 2:06 pm**

Wrong emoticon to start your post, Sarah?

I recall reading the same thing -- but where I couldn't tell you. 😞

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat Oct 02, 2010 6:11 pm**

I think Simon said it in a documentary, though I've forgotten which one....

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **st louis blues**

Posted: **Sun Oct 03, 2010 1:47 am**

Carol Pope said in her book that Dusty did keep the letter and it was framed and hanging in Dusty's bathroom in her house in California.

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sun Oct 03, 2010 2:54 pm**

Dusty had a great sense of humor! 😊

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Sarah**

Posted: **Sun Oct 03, 2010 3:01 pm**

allherfaces wrote:

Wrong emoticon to start your post, Sarah?

I recall reading the same thing -- but where I couldn't tell you. 😊

Oops!!! You're right - thanks for pointing that out! (Sorry Cor! 🙄)

I just love that mental image of the letter hanging up in Dusty's bathroom. Fabulous! 🤩

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sun Oct 03, 2010 4:17 pm**

Glad the clip's appreciated! It took guts to say it, and I'm glad she did it. Pity Mags had left her sense of humour at home that day....

Re: Dusty's "royalty" comment at Royal Albert Hall

by **trek007**

Posted: **Sun Oct 03, 2010 6:50 pm**

PM I believe mis heard the comment as well and thought Dusty was slagging off dear sister!!

Maybe PM had been indulging in a little too much vino before the show started.

She visited the school where I worked in the 70's to open a Science block and we were told to eat our food at the lunch very quickly cause once she put her knife and fork down the plates had to be cleared away..she only picked at it as well!!

We weren't allowed to use the staff toilets either on the day as they had been cleaned and tarted up...we had to use some at the other end of the school 😊