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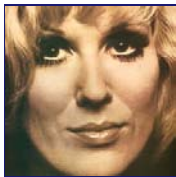
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Where am I going?



Posted - 14/06/2008 : 18:53:34



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"Though extremely professional in almost everyway, Dusty did like to play pranks on the last night of a tour. I was very stern about this, because the audience out front hadn't seen the show before, and they paid good money to see the same show as everyone else around the county had already seen. On the last night on one tour, we ended up at the Odeon in Southend, a HUGE cinema.

(Is it even still there??? It's probably been carved up into little boxes by now, or else is a supermarket or something.) Anyway, there was an easy access from the side of the stage into the auditorum, and I had recently changed the lighting for one of Brian Poole's solos, because he had changed the song, so I set up the cues, and tiptoed out front to see it. By the time I got out front and looked at the stage, Brian was being lit in a vile shade of green!!! It wasn't that color when I left!!! I rushed backstage to raise hell, and there's Madam on the intercom talking to the spot Operators: "No, no, the Tour Manager's drunk. It's supposed to be green!!! [vomit green?]" I tapped her on the shoulder . . . she looked around guiltily and I said, in a voice heavily laced with sarcasm, "er . . . shouldn't you be off somewhere spraying your bouffant???" She smiled sheepishly, and slunk (there's NO other word) off to her dressing room.

On another last night, this time in Hanley at the vast Gaumont, the uproar was kept to the dressing rooms, again with DS being the culprit. For some reason, everyone was into greasy cold roast beef sandwiches, and as the venue was an oldtime REAL theatre -- deep stage, flytower, the works -- even the dressing rooms had a lot of faded glory, and the 3 main ones, all had heavily flocked wallpaper, all plush red velvet. Someone had discovered -- guess who? -- that if you threw a sandwich minus the top slice of bread against the wall, it took ages for it to slide disgustingly down the wallpaper, the velvet keeping it in place, but gravity making it move very slowly. They WERE ACTUALLY BETTING as to whose aim was the most accurate, whose throw was the most precise, and of course, which sandwich took the longest to slide down the wall!!! Even I thought this was funny, but the theatre management didn't and the headlines in the papers the next day were full of "Rowdy Rock & Roll Stars Destroy Theatre" & "Hooligan Stars Destroy Backstage Area" etc etc. I still have those clippings!!!

Love,
Fred Perry
California."

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Posted - 15/06/2008 : 20:03:32

Tim
Where am I going?
Three green star rating icons.

Great stuff Ms F.





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'Ooh my goodness mreeeeeeeeeeeeeeee...!'



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LOL. You're very welcome, Mr T. I hope you'll check the Supremes at the V&A thread. Memphis is my name. Thankyuh very much.. 😊

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