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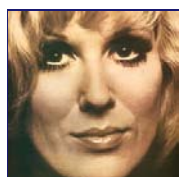
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memphisinlondon

Where am I going?



Posted - 08/06/2008 : 01:25:36


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Hello

I haven't participated in Dusty forums for many years. I signed onto LTD and DSN just recently. Back in 2000 I signed into the chat boards on Yahoo, and, especially the 'White Lady of Soul' web site.

I checked into Yahoo today using my old password today and am glad to see that some of those mailing sites are still going. In the day they really helped me get through a real grief for Dusty's passing. Thing is I still have some of Fred Perry's postings and I've probably got other nuggets too. If anyone would like me to post excerpts here please just say.

I received my first Dusty Bulletin this time around last week. It includes a precious interview with Brooks Arthur (Beautiful Soul) and, almost in passing, he refers to Dusty's electric charisma and her gorgeous perfume. You get the sense of a really awesome presence. She was special and that gets missed in a lot of mini-biographies. Here's an excerpt from a Fred Perry e.mail that was posted to one of the Yahoo sites back in 2000. I'm presuming there's no copyright. I thought that those that hadn't seen this before would like to read it.

"Dusty had incredible charisma. When she guest starred on the Englebert Humperdinck television series, it was filmed at Elstree studios, a *genuine* film studio, in the days when England actually had a film industry!! It was the old Associated British Pathe lot. I went down in the train, just to help out if needed. It was coming up for lunchtime, and I offered to go down to the cafeteria and block off a table, for Dusty, Vic, her then manager, Pat Rhodes, Duggie Reece etc. I was sitting there. The noise was deafening. The lot was very busy. Tom Jones was doing his series, plus there were several other shows all being filmed at the same time. I'm sprawled over the table, fending off gatecrashers, when suddenly the entire sound level in the room dropped to a whisper. You couldn't even hear knives and forks clattering. I looked up, and Dusty and the group had just come in, got their trays and were standing in line. But all eyes were on Dusty. It was truly one of the most amazing things I have ever witnessed. She had this magical aura, this undefinable thing.

Cut to many years later, there is a BIG party to launch IT BEGINS AGAIN. It was being thrown at Le Dome, then one of Los Angeles's newest and swankiest restaurants, right on the edge of Beverly Hills. She had called me the night before, and asked me to run her around to pick up her dress, and get some other bits and pieces with her. We spent about 2 hours and got back to the house she was renting up in the Hollywood Hills, one valley over from Donna Summer, as she described it! Anyway, the record company was sending a limo for her, so I went home to change and she said she would meet me there. Arriving only 15 minutes late, she looked incredible, soft silk maxi dress, lots of brown and green costume jewelry . . . again, they were expecting her, they knew she was coming, but the likes of Olivia Newton-John, Rod Stewart and others were pushing each other out of the way to get to her. It was magic.

These are the moments I'll always remember.

Love,

Fred Perry
California"

Memphis

Ever since we met...

mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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USA
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Posted - 08/06/2008 : 04:03:50

OH WOW THAT IS SO NICE TO READ. DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYONE ELSE BUT I LOVE READING FRED'S WRITTINGS. IGOT A LETTER BACK IN THE DAY I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT ABOUT TODAY.I JUST REMEMBER IT WAS SOMETHING VERY NICE

MARY 😊



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Posted - 08/06/2008 : 04:33:30

Thanks Mary. I hope you're having a great day.

Memphis

Memphis

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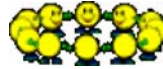


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Posted - 08/06/2008 : 08:04:27

THANK YOU MIMPHIS
YES I HAD A NICE DAY.GETTING READY FOR TOMORROW.WILL HAVE PICTURES SOON

MARY 😊



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Posted - 08/06/2008 : 09:31:49

I remember those stories from Fred, I had them all saved on my computer before a big crash a few years back. But some things you store in your mind and I stored that story of the room going quiet when Dusty entered. She truly had a magnetism. Memphis, are you saying that you found these again in an online archive, or that you saved them at the time? I have some correspondence from Fred, I think he wrote to quite a few people at one time and I always loved his stories. Such a pity he never got to write his memoirs.

Definitely, if you still have other bits from Fred, I'd like to read them again.

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



Hampson
I've got a good thing

Posted - 08/06/2008 : 11:19:53



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Kathy

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Thanks Memphis - we certainly do want to see and hear all that.

Wendy



Posted - 08/06/2008 : 14:17:03



Thanks Frances, it was lovely to read Fred Perry's memoirs. I too had heard the cafeteria story with everything going quiet when Dusty arrived but couldn't remember where I had heard it. Interesting to read about Fred mentioning Dusty's "gorgeous" perfume. I wear the same perfume as Dusty (Chanel No. 19) I love it and I keep hoping some of the Dusty magic will rub off on me. 🍷🍷

XX

Kathy

"The images unwind..."



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Posted - 08/06/2008 : 22:44:42



Thanks for your responses. I checked my PC archive yesterday and I have a couple of files titled Fred Perry. The excerpt I've posted above is from one of these. I was aware at the time that these were treasures and must have saved them.

The current Dusty Bulletin includes Part 2 of Fred Perry's memoir 'My Life with Dusty Springfield'. The Bulletin also includes an interview with Margie Adam who wrote 'Beautiful Soul' but the Brooks Arthur interview is the jewel. From it you can see that 'Elements' was a carefully crafted labour of love (it would have been a great Dusty release in 1975). Here's Brooks speaking about Dusty's persona:

"I know this may sound strange, but she smelled beautifully. I can't believe that it was Dusty Springfield in my control room. It was like the elite."

"Whenever Dusty walked into the studio and whenever I went into a restaurant with Dusty/or whenever I went into a movie theatre with Dusty - but more importantly whenever I went into a studio circa 1964 or '74 or '75 - the room was electric. She had a glow that was undeniable. You can't put your finger on it. You know, when someone walks in the room and someone has star quality, there's something about them and you go 'Whoa' and everybody stands up or sits up and you can hear the buzz 'Yeah, that's Dusty' - even with civilians, so to speak. But the musicians came to play and the writers came to write - it was serious business, you know, because Dusty was in the room. It wasn't about me being behind the board or my engineering or my producing or my song selection, it was about THAT woman."

[Brooks produced 'Elements' and also worked on Dusty's 1964 New York sessions. At the same time he was working on 'Elements' he was also recording Bruce Springsteen. Any lost Dusty studio time was difficult to replace. The studio was booked solid. Dusty ran out of studio time and the bosses called it quits; they wouldn't spend any more money on a what had become a risky enterprise.]

Memphis

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Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 09/06/2008 : 02:55:22

thanks Memphis..I, like the others, will love to read any Dusty archives that you may be willing to share. It's really nice to read about how electric Dusty was when walking into a room..how I would have absolutely loved to be present in one of those rooms. 😊😊

Paula x



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 05:52:14

These are great, thanks so much for posting them for all of us to enjoy 😊

LOVE MADS.



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 10:45:48

Wow, those really are descriptive and telling memories. I could picture it all.

Even for those who never got to see her, I think she still has that kind of effect on us sometimes...often in fact.

I kinda like that image of RS and ONJ stumbling over themselves to get a glimpse of the great one.

thanks Memphis, and along with others, I'm happy to hear what you have to share.

**I'll put your pictures all around my wall
I'll build a tower of love that won't fall**



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 16:36:12

Thanks so much for you post Memphis, I finally got around to reading your post and thoroughly enjoyed doing so. I lost many of my old emails when my old computer crashed three or four years ago. I felt Dusty's "magnetism" just reading your post. I personally and most felt this magnetism when I saw Dusty perform at the Persian Room in New York City, I always said that there was magic in the air.

Marty



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 17:19:18

Thanks Memphis

Wendy



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 18:03:46

Fantastic to read these Memphis, thank you. Its true, you couldn't ever 'put your finger on it' but it was always there, Dusty had charisma, and you were kinda bowled over by her magnetism.



Casx



8313 Posts

'Something in your eyes'

**memphisinlondon**

Where am I going?

Posted - 09/06/2008 : 21:13:37 United Kingdom
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Hi Folks,

Here's another except from Fred Perry's e-mails of 2000. What's most interesting to me is Dusty's sense of decorum. But was she right? The other thing I note is Dusty saying 'eeerrr' ('Here'). She was a well spoken lady but, at heart, she was a good old London Girl too.

I've titled this...

'NOBODY DOES IT BETTER'

"One thing I always used to give her credit for, was her uncanny way of knowing exactly what was right for her, and what wouldn't work. At least on record. If you have been keeping track of these memories, you may recall that in Episode 3, I mentioned her reaction to my suggestion of an entire album of old ballads, her instant refusal, her rather sheepish reaction when Linda Ronstadt came out with HER album of oldies 'n' goodies, and the somewhat gritted teeth reaction from DS that I might indeed have had something with my original suggestion!!

The reason I bring this up is that I got a phone call one day (probably 2 am!) "eeerrr are you going to see the new James Bond film?" Probably . . . why. . . "No reason." [Cue for instant ringing of alarm bells in my head.] "I know you like that kind of movie . . . let me know what you think" . . . why? . . .

After all these years I knew her better than she thought, but still had no idea why she was interested in my reaction to a film she would never see. (Note: up to the last time I saw her, she said she still had never seen Casino Royale, but she had heard that The Look Of Love was played in front of a fish tank!!). Anyway, in due course I saw "The Spy Who Loved Me" -- and Dusty's first reaction was "Who sang the title song?" Carly Simon, and a great job she did, but I couldn't help thinking you would have done a better job [as I ended the sentence . . . the penny dropped!] Why?

"Well, I turned it down" . . . You turned down a James Bond song? . . . WHY???? "I didn't like the song" . . . but it's a James Bond song! . . . "They sent it to me, and I hated it . . . it was too rude!" . . . But it's a James Bond song, it'll be heard all over the world, think of Shirley Bassey singing Goldfinger . . . [Sudden double take from me] What do you mean, too rude? I didn't hear any 4 letter words . . . "They're in there, but hidden." . . . But it's a James Bond song [by this time I was a parrot!!!] "Think about it . . . Nobody does IT better . . . How come you DO me like you do." . . . But it's a James Bond song [by now I am both apoplectic!!! and turning a lovely shade of purple] . . . "Well it offended me, so I said I won't do it AND DON'T SAY BUT IT'S A JAMES BOND SONG one more time!!!! . . . You can come over for dinner, but only if you don't mention That song." So, I did and I didn't -- which means I got to eat, but was stuck for conversation, unusual for me!!

Regards

Fred Perry
California"

Memphis

PS I've posted the same thing to DSN too.

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 10/06/2008 00:42:57



misty
I'll try anything
★★



Posted - 09/06/2008 : 23:04:02

Just getting caught up on new posts and this is a wonderful thread! Thank you so much Memphis for posting these writings. Do love the one about her bringing the room to a standstill.

misty 🍷



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1413 Posts

Chrispld
I'll try anything
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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 00:12:49

Thanks Frances for posting those memories of Dusty.Wonderful!

Chris



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paula
Moderator
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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 03:41:08

another great read..thanks Memphis.
paula x



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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 07:39:33

Another great one 😊

And Dusty would have been SO great for that song!!

LOVE MADS.



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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 11:56:50

THANKS AGAIN

MARY 🍷



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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 14:30:09

Triffic Memphis - thankyou.



Wendy



United Kingdom
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Tim
Where am I going?
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Posted - 10/06/2008 : 14:37:11

Frances these are great - thank you for your work in posting them!

T x

'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee...!'



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mockingbird
Little by little
★

Posted - 16/06/2008 : 15:58:04

These are great to read, constant reminders of a wonderful lady.
Moira x



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