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Will

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Posted - 24/02/2008 : 18:31:24

Having started the bio of Dusty and gotten quite into the research for it and all the reading that involved, it strikes me that while it outlines her life and career, it needs a section on the enduring appeal of Dusty Springfield. And I can't think of a better place to go to ask the following questions. Please feel free to add your comments, if you wish to, and try to keep them reasonably short ...otherwise, it's over to you :)

1. What is it about Dusty and her music that you love?
2. Why do you continue to love her music?
3. What was your reaction to learning of her death? (apologies in advance for even asking such a personal question)

Feel free to add anything else I haven't though to ask.

Will

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"..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."

mssdusty

I've got a good thing



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Posted - 24/02/2008 : 18:44:53

OH MY WILL 🤔

FIRSTHER VOICE.THE FEELING IN IT.EVERY SONG SHE SANG WITH FEELING.

AT FIRST YOU HEAR DUSTY'S VOICE YOU CAN'T STOP.

ABOUT HER DEATH? I HAD TO WAIT TIL THE NEXT DAY TO SEE IF IT WAS TRUE. I STILL THINK OF THE DAY WE MET ON THAT HOLLYWOOD STREET IN 67. 🤔

HER VOICE IS STILL WITH ME.

MARY 🤔

I only think of the day I met Dusty and my pains go away. It's Great!



Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



Kathy

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Australia
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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 02:09:52

Will the questions you ask are always the ones Dusty's fans struggle to put into words, but here's my attempt.

Dusty chose songs that speak to people. The words are always meaningful and timeless and this in part answers question 2. As she was a singer for so long, her choice of songs covers early love experiences and more mature experiences of love, longing, loss, resignation and reflection on life. This accompanies us on our journey through life and so Dusty's music is relevant to all ages.

To go back to question 1 for a minute after song selection (in order that is) comes Dusty's amazing voice, its power, its depth, its ability to speak right to you and its breathy vulnerability that seems to often echo our own as we go through life. Her interpretation of songs is amazing. I've heard songs that I previously didn't really like sung by Dusty that have blown me away.

What are you Doing the Rest of Your Life and A House is Not a Home are examples of this. Her professionalism and insistence on getting songs just right have always been a trait that I admired.

In learning of Dusty's death, I felt a profound sense of loss, of an emptiness in the music industry that can never be filled and although it is not as strong as when I first heard of Dusty's death, I can still be overwhelmed when hearing her sing of just how much we have lost not only collectively, but also personally.

xx
Kathy



Will

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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 02:39:48



Kathy - thank you ever so much for your response to the questions; despite what you refer to as a struggle to put it into words, I think you were exceptionally eloquent and what you wrote was deeply touching. It was also, I think, a beautiful testament to Dusty and the power of her music.

And Mary - thank you, also, for your reply. What you wrote echoed something I read earlier this evening (well I say 'this evening' but its well after 2am so that isn't entirely accurate).. Someone had noted that although Dusty didn't write her own songs, she was an interpreter of song and she sang as though she had lived the emotions she expressed in them. What a lovely thing to say.

Will

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"..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



dusty_freak

I've got a good thing



Australia
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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 10:56:07



1. What is it about Dusty and her music that you love?

I love the originality of her voice. But it was definitely her iconic look that got me hooked, the music was just the icing on the cake!

2. Why do you continue to love her music?

That's a hard question. I think it's just because i can never get bored of her voice or her music. And i'll keep listening to something if i love it and it doesn't bore me.

3. What was your reaction to learning of her death?

Well i didn't even know who she was before i saw the musical here in 2006. I cried like a little girl when i found out in the musical that she died, it was so sad 😞 I don't remember her actually passing away because i was only 9. I don't know how i would have coped with it if it had happened now. It must have been so hard for everyone 😞

Clare xoxo

"I only wanna walk a street that's sunny, i only wanna see the side that's funny..."



daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 25/02/2008 : 12:41:07



I'll just be quite simple in my answer Will. When I listen to Dusty sing, I get a feeling inside me and it's not something I can explain, it's just a feeling that fills me with awe, devotion, longing, wonder and just about every other emotion you can think of. I've never had it with any other singer, I can like songs and I can like singers, but only Dusty has ever had this effect on me.



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When she was ill, I felt under a black cloud. I wanted a miracle but it wasn't to be. When she died I can honestly say I was devastated, I lost someone who had been a part of my life, whether she knew it or not, for nearly 40 years. Knowing other people who felt the same helped a lot.

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



Will

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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 13:53:13



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Thanks, Clare and Carole.. and glad someone has mentioned her iconic look :)
And Carole - I think I understand something of what you wrote; listening to Dusty, my response is often at the emotional level in a way that is hard to define. There is just something about THAT VOICE. And the emotion in those songs. Something deep and very moving.

Will
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"..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



Mark

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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 20:30:07



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Originally posted by Will-Scotland

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2. Why do you continue to love her music?
3. What was your reaction to learning of her death? (apologies in advance for even asking such a personal question)

1. Dusty's voice and the orchestral arrangements of most of her recordings (Keith Mansfield, Ivor Raymonde in particular)

2. I continue to love her Music because simply nothing else compares in that particular genre (not even my beloved Cilla or Clodagh Rogers!)

3. Shock, then numbness, and after Lulu did her tribute programme that Evening Barbara and I had a few drinks in memory of Dusty and to celebrate the legacy she had given us; I didn't hear of Dusty's passing until I arrived home from Work, for some strange reason I seemed to miss Radio news bulletins that day, probably just as well as I would have been to upset to carry on.

Mark



Will

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Posted - 25/02/2008 : 21:40:35



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Thank you so much for that, Mark.

You know, the more responses I read here, the more it feels as though people are sharing something that is very deep and personal (and I am sure that is the case), so I just wanted to say thank you kindly for that - I appreciate everyone's candour and willingness to share. I am also, I have to say, very touched by what everyone here has written. And it makes me wonder how many stars of today will ever be able to elicit such devotion. Few, I think. Very few.

Will
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"..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



Chrispld

Posted - 25/02/2008 : 23:28:48

I'll try anything
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United Kingdom
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Will these questions are so difficult to answer in a few words.! I will try though.

- 1.Dustys voice goes right through me. When she sings it feels as if she is living the songs emotions.If that makes sense.
- 2.All her songs mean something to me.A memory here ,nostalgia perhaps.But above all that divine voice send shivers up my spine and brings tears to my eyes.
- 3.Shock and numbness. I knew she had been ill but it was still a shock.I remember being in the kitchen getting the tea ready,and my wife shouting out Quick Quick !! from the lounge. Dustys death was being announced on the BBC TV 6 o clock News.When clips of Dustys funeral were shown later I had to leave the room. Chris



Posted - 26/02/2008 : 20:03:19

Will
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I'd like to express my thanks to all who responded here to my questions, and who gave such touching answers. I've collated them into a short piece which you can now read on my site, address below.

Many, many thanks to you all.

Will
<http://www.mactastic.net/>

"..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



Posted - 28/02/2008 : 02:30:13

reng36
I start counting

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1. What is it about Dusty and her music that you love?

Dusty had a mystique about her. Her music mirrors who she was; complex, playful, funny, intelligent, vulnerable, ethereal, powerful, sensual.

2. Why do you continue to love her music?

To me nobody can deliver like she did, the voice, the timing, the emotion, the intricacies. Ever song takes me on a journey.

3. What was your reaction to learning of her death? (apologies in advance for even asking such a personal question)

I had heard of Dusty Springfield but actually didn't really get into her until after she had passed. Still, it makes me sad to know she is not here.

Renge



Posted - 28/02/2008 : 10:49:28

Hampson
I've got a good thing
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United Kingdom
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1. What is is about Dusty and her music that you love.

Hard to put into words, but musically I can never explain because I'm not musical, but something clicks into my brain like a piece of jigsaw, and I know I like it or love it. Lots of Dusty's music clicks in instantly, but more important it stays, as I never get bored with it. I find it impossible to switch off in the middle of a song she's singing as it's always totally pleasurable.

Why do you continue to love her music.

Because she was a perfectionist. I feel sure she was aware that her music would live on, and she wanted to do her best for posterity, to leave her legacy so to speak. And she has done that.

What was your reaction to learning of her death.

Well absolute cowardice really, not able to face it, and in denial. I hoped going to Henley might lay that ghost, but still not able to face it.

Wendy



Posted - 28/02/2008 : 15:02:54

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★



Will I'm not very good at putting into words how I feel about Dusty, so I will have to keep it short.



- 1: Dusty always makes me feel so alive, she has always been in a class of her own.
- 2: Nobody can ever take her place for me, her voice is timeless.
- 3: Devastated.

Casx

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'Something in your eyes'



Will
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Posted - 28/02/2008 : 15:32:38  



United Kingdom
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It's been interesting to read how often Dusty's music touches people at a very deep and emotional level, also how she is perceived as a quite singular artist, to whom no-one else comes close. Another key feature of the responses has been the timelessness of her music - after all these years, the songs are as relevant to people now as on the day of their release. And Cas - your answers may have been short but they lost nothing for that :)

Will
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..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



boztiggs
 Where am I going?
 ★★★

Posted - 28/02/2008 : 18:44:35  



United Kingdom
 3367 Posts

1. What is it about Dusty and her music that you love?

For me it is always about how it makes me feel. I feel every note of her songs and it knocks me dead. And it never goes away

2. Why do you continue to love her music?

Its part of my life now, like my leg or my arm, life would be sh*t without any one of them.

3. What was your reaction to learning of her death?

Dusty died during a period of illness for me, I lost almost two years and remember very little. It wasn't until that fateful day in the supermarket where she threw herself into my trolley that I became aware of how great a tragedy it was. And precisely what it was that we had lost.

Neil

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, I hold his photograph and pray I'll see him soon oh-oh"



Will
 Wasn't born to follow
 ★★★★★

Posted - 28/02/2008 : 20:10:45  

>>..And precisely what it was that we had lost<<

I suspect that from 2nd March onward, many began to realise that..



United Kingdom
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Will
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..Quiet please - there's a lady on stage.."



mockingbird
 Little by little
 ★

Posted - 02/03/2008 : 00:28:16 

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Hi Will. I am usually at the back of the field...but hopefully it's not too late to comment..

1)From the moment I saw Dusty and heard her voice in the Springfields I was immediately hooked. She appeared to be like the "girl next door", but

then over the years as she went solo her voice then transcended the look she had with Tom and Mike, although she still maintained a look of a fun looking person, and this still came to the fore in interviews.

2) I grew up with her music and was totally mesmerised by her voice and every song she sang. Her music developed as I developed, but it didn't matter what she sang, even the "Mother's Pride" advert, if you remember that (?!) she could do no wrong it was Dusty "The Whole Package", which was very appealing. I think once you have enjoyed seeing and listening to Dusty this continues; where Dusty is concerned taste does not change, the impact she has on each and every one of us just gets stronger and stronger, she is like a magnet.

3) I was extremely saddened by Dusty's death, she was the only artiste I had ever followed and it was the end of an era, and unfortunately for me I had lost contact with so many people that I kept my real feelings to myself. As I mentioned in a previous thread I was away on a 50th birthday "bash" with 7 others, I was on my own when I heard of Dusty's death on the radio and I told only my friend whose birthday it was, - yes, I was embarrassed at the effect it had on me and played it down.

(This friend has asked to come with me to Dusty Day this year - my first!)
Moira x



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