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by **jeffery**

Posted: **Tue Nov 02, 2010 10:49 pm**

Liz made me think of this with that autographed photo she posted for my birthday.

At the end of this show (Australian Bandstand) Dusty signs her autograph "Thanks and Love, Dusty" BACKWARD on a transparent pane.

How does she do this ? Is it a trick with the camera ? She does it like there is nothing to it. Very fluid.

Did she practice ? Who's idea was it to do that. Can I find the answer in Paul's CDS ?

If you haven't seen it's quite remarkable. Frans do you have the scoop on that one ?

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Frans**

Posted: **Tue Nov 02, 2010 10:58 pm**

Sorry mate, I'm as dumbstruck as you are 😞 😊

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 3:38 pm**

I have this, but I don't know how its done Jefferery.



Casx

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 3:53 pm**

And writing with her left hand also??? She must have practiced hard, or it's her party trick! 🎉

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 3:57 pm**

All done with mirrors methinks 😊

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 4:06 pm**

smoke and mirrors, smoke and mirrors 😊

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Frans**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 4:07 pm**

Copying Leonardo? 📖

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirror\\_writing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirror_writing)

### Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Thu Nov 04, 2010 11:12 pm**

*Corinna wrote:*

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I never thought to ask about that Cor. So, Dusty was right handed, or ambidextrous ? Does one of us know for sure ?

I always thought she was a genius in disguise, so it's easy for me to believe she had *atypical language organization* in the brain. 🧠 As Frans' Wiki-link says for some people it comes quite natural.

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by Cas19

Posted: **Sat Nov 06, 2010 3:13 pm**

When she signed this for me Jeffery she did it with her right hand!

 Image

Casx

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by Corinna

Posted: **Sat Nov 06, 2010 6:02 pm**

Doesn't she look gorgeous.... 🥰 Which year was that, Cas?

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by SweMaria

Posted: **Sat Nov 06, 2010 10:36 pm**

Is that you beside Dusty, Cas?

A beautiful picture! 🥰

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by jeffery

Posted: **Sun Nov 07, 2010 5:25 am**

🤩 OO-ooo-o, You were so lucky Cas ! Thanks, that photo is absolute documentation. 🤩

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by daydreamer

Posted: **Sun Nov 07, 2010 11:09 am**

I'll answer for Cas Maria, that's Lesley Duncan with Dusty and in the background, the blonde lady you can see is Kay Garner. All three lovely ladies no longer with us 😞

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by Cardiff Bluesgirl

Posted: **Sun Nov 07, 2010 12:17 pm**

it proves the saying " great things come in small packages" three little beaυts and massive talent. 🥰

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by Cas19

Posted: **Sun Nov 07, 2010 1:40 pm**

It was the 16th July 1967 Cor! Seems like only yesterday.

Casx

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by SweMaria

Posted: **Sun Nov 07, 2010 7:41 pm**

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Thanks for the information, Carole!

Oh, I know that Lesley Duncan and Kay Garner have passed away 🌹 but I didn't know what they look like! 🙏

Really sad that they are all gone now 🌹 🌹

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Douggie**

Posted: **Fri Feb 18, 2011 6:19 am**

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Well I was with her in Sydney (1967) when she did this show.

Hope I'm not telling tales out of school.

A couple of possible way they could have done this.

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Secondly.

It was one of the tricks you could do with film. There was no video at the time as we know it and this show would have been done on Kinescope (film) or may be Quad tape which was new then. The fore runner to U-matic machines which was before Beta and VHS home machines.

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Glad you got around to giving us a first-hand take on this topic Dougie.


 I'm still trying to wrap my head around this illusion, or not.

Dusty looks like she's game, and having real fun with it.

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **Corinna**


Posted: **Fri Feb 18, 2011 6:27 pm**

This was very interesting and enlightening, Dougie. Thanks for your expert's view on this! 

## Re: BANDSTAND - Australia

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Fri Feb 18, 2011 8:44 pm**

mystery solved! thanks Dougie. 

although as a leftie, I was somewhat hoping she was amongst our ranks...

