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by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Fri Jan 11, 2013 7:37 pm**

Does anyone know or can speculate why Dusty was not made a Dame?

Re: Dame Dusty

by **darren2722**

Posted: **Fri Jan 11, 2013 10:00 pm**

I'm totally biased and maybe over the top (as far as the charity and Animal welfare work goes)but in my mind even just for her charity and Animal welfare work Dusty deserved to be made a Dame. 🌟 without taking her musical career into consideration. I can think of only three ladies from the music industry who have been made Dames -Shirley Bassey and two more stage/ screen orientated singers Julie Andrews and Kiri Te Kanawa.



Would like to think she wasn't knighted because of her age, Dusty being relatively young when she died. But given the fact the powers that be in their *wisdom* waited until she was dying before they thought about given her a OBE, I'm not so sure. 🙄

Controversially also I hope it had nothing to do with the incident at The Royal Albert Hall with Princess Margaret when Dusty made the joke about "I'm glad to see that the royalty here tonight is not confined to the Royal Box". 😂🐱

Edited by darren2722 at 21.55 Pm.

Re: Dame Dusty

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Sat Jan 12, 2013 12:45 am**

Thank you for responding.I'd like to hope since Dusty's quip from 20 yrs earlier held no malice - and far more critical things have been said since then, this would not be the reason. Perhaps her own reluctance to recognize her true worth, kept her at a low profile. Todays celebrities make a career out of self promotion. It's a shame- Dusty would have been grand!

Re: Dame Dusty

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Sat Jan 12, 2013 1:03 am**

You have to be a CBE (Commander Of The British Empire) for at least two or three years before you can be elevated to Dame. The OBE was just the first step.

Maggie

Re: Dame Dusty

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Jan 12, 2013 2:40 am**

Simon Bell remarked to me once that had Dusty not left England for so long to live in America she would have be made a Dame.

Re: Dame Dusty

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Fri Mar 08, 2013 6:13 am**

I found this article recently, some may find it interesting.

This is what appears when you look under the list of names for that years OBEs--notice it doesn't list the UK -- why wasn't that listed first?



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Dusty Springfield: "This is the biggest surprise of my life"

The 59-year-old singer is seriously ill after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994.

She issued a statement saying: "I'm deeply and genuinely honoured. This is the biggest surprise of my life."

She is best known for her blonde beehive hair and trademark heavy-black "panda-style" make-up, and originally found fame with her brother Tom and Tim Field in a folk trio, The Springfields.

They split up after seeing The Beatles at Liverpool's Cavern Club, and Dusty went solo.

Accepted by soul fans

Her first song, the Motown-influenced I Only Want To Be With You, is still one of her best-loved records. She became one of the few white singers to be accepted by soul fans.

Other hits followed, including You Don't Have To Say You Love Me, and Son Of A Preacher Man - given a new lease of life by the 1994 film Pulp Fiction.

Her career declined in the 1970s but in 1987 she was rediscovered by the Pet Shop Boys - and their collaboration What Have I Done To Deserve This? reached No 2 in the charts.

She continued to record after being diagnosed with cancer, recording her most recent album A Very Fine Love in 1995 after she received chemotherapy treatment.

But she fell ill again, and was forced to pull out of a planned appearance at the 1998 Brit Awards in February.

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