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by **Corinna**

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Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 1:24 pm**

Discovered this little story on a blog called Catwalkthreads:

Douglas Darnell was responsible for designing many of the glamorous stage costumes of Dame Shirley Bassey and Dorothy Squires. He designed the gown Shirley wore to sing Goldfinger. During this time his partner, Eric Plant, designed stage costumes for British pop star, Dusty Springfield. Dusty and Eric would spend hours working out exactly what was needed and for which shows; most often it was gowns that would come almost to the ground, with sleeves and only unfussy detail.

Fashion legend has it that one night in 1965, after sharing top billing with Shirley Bassey, Dusty sneaked into the Welsh singer's dressing room to find out who had made her stunning outfits. The name on the label read "Darnell of London", the fashion house of Eric Plant. Eric was later contacted by the star and the rest is history.

[http://catwalkthreads.wordpress.com/201 ... of-london/](http://catwalkthreads.wordpress.com/201...of-london/)

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 3:01 pm**

I was just about to start a thread on the very same topic, good job I decided to read the new posts first 😊
Here's a photo of one of Dusty's dresses with the Darnell label inside.



Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 3:42 pm**

I just knew you had a photo to match, Carole! 🙌

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 4:07 pm**

Good find, ladies. 🙌 Does anyone have a jpg of that photo of Eric fitting Dusty in the purple dress?

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Hampson**

Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 4:51 pm**

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Is it this one.

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Thu Dec 16, 2010 6:59 pm**

🌸🌟 **FAB !** 🌟🌸

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Fri Dec 17, 2010 6:33 pm**

As Darnell had showrooms of Marylebone High St, who's going to be the first to find that exact view out of the window? 😊

Thought you might like to see another of Dusty's Darnell dresses in colour. This is her "Gonna Build a Mountain" one.



Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Fri Dec 17, 2010 6:47 pm**

So fabulous, Carole!

Just to remind us... (as if we needed an excuse to play Dusty! 🎁)

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LssoTizDld8[/youtube]

Didn't you also hold the short pink Nowhere to run dress?

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Sat Dec 18, 2010 6:37 pm**

Yes I did Cor, along with the blue YDHTSYLM one, the Dusty Definitely one and a couple of others 🎁 Thought you might like to see a close up of the ribboning on the Gonna Build a Mountain dress.



Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Dec 18, 2010 7:19 pm**

Amazing!

Carole, the answer to that question is *you*.

Wendy, yes that is one of them. Thanks. 🎁 There's at least one other.

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sun Dec 19, 2010 11:11 am**

What an amazing work of art that dress is!

daydreamer wrote:

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If you post them, they might just take you over the 1K milestone! 😊

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sun Dec 19, 2010 6:06 pm**

daydreamer wrote:

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👉 Thought you might like to see a close up of the ribboning on the Gonna Build a Mountain dress.

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Looks like an abstract painting! 😊

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Mon Dec 20, 2010 8:26 am**

Timeless treasures ! I keep coming back to this thread. Thanks Carole.

You colour those BBC black and white videos for me. You fans who saw Dusty in the flesh are the luckiest.

I will only ever know her in 2 dimensions on a flat screen or photo.

Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Clive**

Posted: **Sat May 28, 2011 1:01 pm**

another one of Dusty with Darnell



Re: How Dusty discovered Darnell of London

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat May 28, 2011 3:54 pm**

Thanks for reviving this thread, Clive! 🙌