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## The wigs - which one's which???

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Fri Jan 04, 2013 7:51 pm**

Here's a question from Connie, who hasn't joined the forum yet, but who has a question about Dusty's wigs. Any advice, and possibly pictures, are greatly appreciated!

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May I pose a question to you that I've never been able to find out in my Dusty researches? Does anyone know which wig was Cilla, which was Sandie, and which was Lulu? I know it's a trivial question, but I'd still like to know for my own amusement. It's a funny anecdote about Dusty which always made me laugh. Thanks in advance-- best wishes, Connie

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Fri Jan 04, 2013 8:15 pm**

Hey Connie -- I have no idea. 😊

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Fri Jan 04, 2013 8:30 pm**

oh how i would love one of dustys wigs....sigh

Neil 😞

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Sat Jan 05, 2013 2:19 am**

Simple answer - ask Pat.

Maggie

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sat Jan 05, 2013 10:57 pm**

Unfortunately, not all of us have the privilege to be able to ask Pat....

Hopefully, some of the long-time fans will come forward and enlighten us! 🙏

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Mon Jan 07, 2013 5:05 am**

😈 The devil is in the details. 🙏 I'd like to know that wig trivia too. 🙏

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Sat Feb 02, 2013 11:59 am**

I mentioned the wigs to Pat during a conversation and as I thought, she hadn't a clue which was which! She said the only person likely to remember those details from the 60's (and still a long shot) would be Debbie Dannell, Dusty's hairdresser at the time. Debbie stayed a friend and did Dusty's hair again in later life but she

has never wanted to partake in any of the documentaries etc. Shame really, she might have some nice insights to add to what was written in DWD.

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Sat Feb 02, 2013 3:42 pm**

Thank you for trying to find out Carole, I hope Pat is doing well and I look forward to maybe seeing some photos of her and everyone on DD 2013. 😊

Connie

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Sun Feb 03, 2013 12:30 am**

I'm thinkin that your avatar may be 'displaying' the Cilla wig, Connie!.. 😊 😊



Carole R xx

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Sun Feb 03, 2013 1:05 am**

The other day, somewhere in these archives, I read a post which said the wigs were named after the styles that Cilla, Sandie, and Lulu were wearing-- so I think you are on to something! 😊

Now we just gotta find the other two examples to match Dusty's wigs. Great detective work-- thanks a million!

Connie

Ps- my avatar is my favorite Dusty 60's hair-- adorable on Dust!!

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Sun Feb 03, 2013 12:56 pm**

I have this article about the wigs, I have posted it before. Its in two parts, sorry.



Casx

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Thu Mar 14, 2013 10:05 am**

I searched the archives on this topic, but the only mention I found was of Cas winning a copy of this photo in a past non raffle. I couldn't find the story behind it anywhere. If I am duplicating a post, I'm sorry, I did try to check first. I just thought it is an interesting story and maybe there were others new to the forum who hadn't seen it.

By Ian & Lauren Wright



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Ian Wright took this photo of Dusty Springfield with a shovel in 1965.

Dusty Springfield, born Mary Isobel Catherine Bernadette O' Brien April 16, 1939, was to collect a lot more nicknames during her career, including "The Queen Of The Mods," "The White Negress," "The Queen Of Pop" and "The Diva Of Divas."

The title of her debut album sums up the Dusty I knew best, *A Girl Called Dusty*. She was the giggly girl with a beehive hairstyle and panda-eye makeup that thousands of teenage girls copied. She rose to become "The greatest white singer that there has ever been," said Sir Elton John.

Dusty was always up for a photo opportunity. The first time I met her was in December 1965 on a freezing evening outside the Fiesta Night Club in Stockton-on-Tees in the northeast of England. That day a huge blizzard had hit the area, and local authorities could not cope with drifting snow. My editor sent me to the nightclub to photograph Dusty for a piece in the evening edition to say her show would go on in spite of the weather.

I arrived to find the nightclub staff shoveling a path to the entrance. To my amazement, even the evening's star act was spreading salt, encouraging the troops, occasionally stopping to sign autographs, nipping into the club to purchase a tray of "hot toddies" to keep up everyone's spirits. All the while, a beautiful collie was playing in the snow. When the workers finished shoveling, they filed back into the club; the dog followed Dusty. The dog didn't belong to anyone present and had no collar but was well-groomed, healthy and well-trained.

Dusty immediately nicknamed the collie "Orf," short for orphan. We did a photo story about Orf in morning edition; alas, no one came forward to claim her so she remained at the club all her life – well looked after by the staff.

Later I was busy photographing Dusty backstage, where she maintained an open-door policy, with people in and out enjoying her hospitality, consisting mainly of her favorite tippie – sweet Portuguese Mateaus Rose wine which was very fashionable, not for its taste but for the great design of the bottle and beautiful label. She kept everyone in stitches changing wigs, which were beautifully coifed and displayed on Styrofoam heads with labels – Cilla Black, Shirley Bassey, Sandie Shaw and Lulu. Dusty tried each wig on while doing spot-on impersonations of each of their namesakes.

Dusty was inducted into The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame in 1999, the same year she was awarded the Order of the British Empire. Too ill to receive the award at Buckingham Palace, the Queen made a special dispensation to present it four weeks early. It turned out Dusty was Her Majesty's favorite singer. She died of cancer March 2, 1999.

About Ian Wright

Regarded as "The Man Who Was There WHEN," Ian Wright's fabulous 50-year career as a celebrity photographer began in 1960 as a 15-year-old junior photographer for "Teenage Special" a new supplement to a newspaper in the northeast of England.

Too young to drive, Ian strapped the heavy plate-camera equipment to his bicycle, pedaling to local ballrooms, theaters and nightclubs, photographing emerging pop stars and celebrities. "Photograph everyone on the bill; you never know who's going to become famous and keep all your negatives," was the brief given by his editor, the now illustrious editor/publisher, Sir Harold Evans.

Consequently, teenage photographer Ian Wright was unwittingly on hand to photograph the creation of the Swinging '60s. From his first picture, for the "Teenage Special," of Ella Fitzgerald in 1962, to his last of Elton John in 1979, Wright photographed everyone on the scene. His intimate back-stage portraits show eager young performers unsure of whether they would flop or ascend to fame and fortune. Some fell into obscurity while others ascended to indescribable success. Five became Knights of the Realm, and many died too young.

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Thu Mar 14, 2013 7:44 pm**

Yes I won the photo, and its quite a big photo too and looks so much better than the ones we can find on line. I do know the story Connie, but maybe there are others who like you say may not have read it.

Casx

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Thu Mar 14, 2013 8:47 pm**

Well that solves the mystery as to why the Queen made the public statement that she was "saddened" by Dusty's death. I always new the Queen was hip.

Maggie

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **pat.dunham**

Posted: **Thu Mar 14, 2013 9:49 pm**

So glad HM was a fan of Dusty. I think both she and Philip would have taken " the quip". I never understood why PM or her escort got so uptight about the remark because Dusty did turn to the box and say, I think quite sincerely, " with respect". But then IMHO, PM was always more "Royal" than HM.

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Fri Mar 15, 2013 1:36 am**

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He said Dusty was absolutely his favorite subject to photograph due to her assessability, welcoming & cooperative nature. She was always" great fun, beautiful, intelligent, and kind". He has MANY unpublished photos both on stage and candid in "civilian" clothes, and offered to select a few to sell. They aren't cheap folks, \$40.00 each, but come with an explanation of the circumstances in which they were taken. He said it would not be possible to send photos to choose, he would send what he felt were some of the best, and they could be sent back if the buyer wasn't pleased with them.

I don't know if I can swing that kind of expense, I was too much in shock that he called to wrap my mind around it. Wow, ask a simple question, my curiosity is going to get me one day! 😄 He did mention that his book, " On The Brink of Fame" has 4 pages devoted to Dusty. Amazon listed it at \$55.00 as of today.

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Wow Connie that is incredible. Did he say where in Nevada he lived? Maybe I could visit him 😄 It would be interesting to know what photos he has.

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by jeffery

Posted: Fri Mar 15, 2013 5:50 am

🤩 That was exciting ! I'm so happy for you. 🙌 More new contact. 🙌

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by darren2722

Posted: Fri Mar 15, 2013 8:44 am

Well Done Connie, you've got some gumption. 🙌😄 2013 is turning into the year when Dusty is finally getting the credit she deserves. 🙌

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by Cas19

Posted: Fri Mar 15, 2013 8:56 am

Excellent Connie, what a surprise that he rang you. I would be interested in his photos, very interested. Will he put them on Ebay do you know? if not is it possible to order these direct? Youre turning into a proper sleuth! 😄😄

Casx

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by karen

Posted: Fri Mar 15, 2013 10:24 am

Yes Connie Dusty definitely "has a hold on you".. and this is great that he is willing to sell the pics re the wigs...well done you.. 🙌👍

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by **Beautiful soul**

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Boy you have been busy Connie 🙄 Unfortunately Las Vegas is farther away from me than Los Angeles so I couldn't just drop by 😞 Nevada is not as big as Texas but it is rather large in area if not population. He probably seems casual about the photos because as much as it pains me to say this, I really don't think Dusty was a huge star in America after she moved here. When I re-discovered her a few years ago I had no idea of all the music she had made or the work she has done in America. I was amazed by it and I think she had really lousy management because she should have been a huge star. When I started asking my friends about her and her music hardly anybody remembered her. If they did, they remembered YDTSYLM and that's it! 🤔 I didn't even know that she performed at Lake Tahoe and I thought I saw EVERYBODY in those years. It must not have been advertised very well or I'm sure I would have gone to see her. I was young, single and had extra money so I went to almost every "show" that came to the Reno/Tahoe area. I hope he parts with some of the photos someday so her fans can see them and perhaps buy some. Good work Connie and very interesting too 🙄

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Fri Mar 15, 2013 5:38 pm**

I agree Evelyn, but I would have thought since he is English and was there at the beginning, he would have been a little more in tune to how well known and loved she is in the UK at least. I too only remembered two songs from my distant youth-- IOWTBWY & SOAPM. When I went through my rediscovery, the first cd set I bought was "Simply Dusty" 4 disc set. I was blown away by the variety and quality of the songs, astounded really.

I'm wondering if he were approached with a large order from many of us on LTD, perhaps he might be inspired to start digging 🙄 I'd like to see if there would be a way for him to have a thread here where he could post his photos for us to purchase. But I get the sense he just doesn't have the time or inclination. His auctions on eBay seem to be intermittent at best. Anyway, this is not my area of expertise, nor with respect do I have the right to speak on behalf of LTD to suggest it to him. " 🎵 But it's a nice dream 🎵 ". 😊 🙄

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Fri Mar 15, 2013 7:13 pm**

We did once have a thread on Ian Wright and his photo's, you can view it here...

[http://www.dustyspringfield.org.uk/ltd\\_...f\\_Fame.pdf](http://www.dustyspringfield.org.uk/ltd_...f_Fame.pdf)

The schoolroom shot has an explanation if you read down and yes, the big card photo is the one we've seen before. I would be interested in knowing what his off stage shots are, more than the performing ones. but I doubt I'd buy without actually seeing what they are. I asked Madeline who the other lady was in the school photo and for the life of me I can't remember what she said, she was a jazz singer I think. I'll dig to the back of my brain and see if I can remember....I hate having this duff memory! One of the things I would love to own would be a coffee table type picture book on Dusty with rare pictures amongst the more usual ones. There are so many out there on lesser artists, a well put together one on Dusty would make my day (year).

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Fri Mar 15, 2013 11:44 pm**

I remembered 🙄 The other lady in the school room picture is jazz singer Beryl Bryden.

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **fobakawa**

Posted: **Sat Mar 16, 2013 12:45 am**

I would love to have a large beautiful book of photos too Carole. I would buy it in an instant. Maybe someday...

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Wed Mar 20, 2013 9:17 pm**

Great stuff, Connie! Amazing how much stuff is out there...

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **nevertoolate**

Posted: **Thu Mar 21, 2013 10:49 pm**

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Usually the photos you see of Dusty in the 70's was her own, after that I'm never quite sure 😊 of course I'm sure you know she was born with red hair( right?). I started a thread in "getting it right" I believe, called "red hair". It evolved into a wonderful thread where we first met Kristin who has since dazzled us with her wonderful photoshop skills-- and her fine tuned powers of observation for minute details. It's a must see thread! 🙌

## Re: The wigs - which one's which???

by **nevertoolate**

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Will check that out thanks. I'm assuming her big hair of the 80s were wigs. I want hair like that .... 😊

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by **Beautiful soul**

Posted: **Thu Mar 21, 2013 11:19 pm**

I think she pretty much stopped wearing wigs by early 70's except for the tri level fall she wore for " house is not a home", with Burt.