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Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158169)

by [daydreamer](#) » Tue Aug 12, 2014 3:56 pm

It seems that Barry Manilow has recorded a "duet" with Dusty. No news yet on which song. It could be anything I guess, not just one of the ones he wrote.

Meanwhile, Manilow has also headed down the collaboration route for his next release, which will be fully comprised of duets with late legends.

In a message on his Facebook.com page, the singer reveals he wasn't completely sold on the idea of another all-star duets album, so he decided to draw inspiration from beyond the grave.

He writes, "I came up with a weird idea: What if I could make duets out of my favorite songs by artists that are no longer with us? What if I could I actually sing with John Denver, Whitney Houston or Judy Garland?"

"Well, after months of creating brand new duet arrangements of famous songs done by these legendary artists, I did. I actually sang with them. And we're just about done with the album..."

"The album is a miracle. It's been a huge undertaking, musically and technically.

"It was an honor singing with Whitney (I ran for the Kleenex when I heard her voice!), Dusty Springfield, Louis Armstrong and more. I hope you'll like this one. I'm very proud of it. The release date is sometime in late October."

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158172)

by [wally](#) » Tue Aug 12, 2014 4:02 pm

Thanks for posting Carole, something to look forward to. My guess is I am your Child but could be wrong!

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158180)

by [trek007](#) » Tue Aug 12, 2014 5:05 pm

Look forward to seeing the whole collection of songs.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158191)by **Richard** » Tue Aug 12, 2014 7:08 pm

I guess Sandra is the obvious choice, as he wrote it. Or too obvious 🤔 The duet Petula Clark did was a superb idea, as we finally got to hear a complete version of Corner of the sky. 😊 I think Dusty would have approved. I don't think there are any other unfinished recordings are there, to do anything this unique again 🤔 Rich.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158202)by **darren2722** » Tue Aug 12, 2014 8:24 pm

Interesting, Thanks Carole. 🙏

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158204)by **pat.dunham** » Tue Aug 12, 2014 8:54 pm*Richard wrote:*

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Cant quite see how Sandra could be a duet. Like Wally says there is also I am your child another BM composition which is possible. we'll have to wait and see.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158206)by **Sweetbaby** » Tue Aug 12, 2014 9:13 pm

From Manilow's quote I'd gather the idea is he'll add his vocal to signature songs by late artists: of Dusty's major hits I can only imagine IOWTBWY as a duet. I'm not a Manilow fan but there's a few out there & if some of them are introduced to Dusty by their idol's endorsement it's all good.

Last edited by [Sweetbaby](#) ([./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=171](#)) on Fri Aug 15, 2014 9:05 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158214)by **daydreamer** » Wed Aug 13, 2014 6:40 am

I also thought of Sandra and I Am You Child when I first heard about this album on Facebook but after I read Manilows quote, I changed my mind. I wonder if he's gone for something from the Great

American Songbook, like 'Someone To Watch Over Me' or 'What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life'?

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p158216)

by **Clive** » Wed Aug 13, 2014 6:51 am

Interesting news Carole. I agree Someone To Watch Over Me would be a good choice as Dusty's version is incomplete anyway so lends itself to adding another vocalist.

My feeling is though that it will be *The Look Of Love* .

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160295)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Sep 22, 2014 4:40 pm

You were right Clive, it is to be The Look of Love 🤔

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160296)

by **Cas19** » Mon Sep 22, 2014 4:42 pm

Hope hes done Dusty proud.

Casx

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160302)

by **Clive** » Mon Sep 22, 2014 5:17 pm

daydreamer wrote:

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Thanks Carole, my hunch that it would be that song was because Barry Manilow had recorded his own version on his 2010 album *The Greatest Love Songs of All Time* and also because the master tapes of The Look Of Love had been remixed for the 'new vocal mix' on Dusty's *Goin Back* box set so I knew Universal were not adverse to re-working the track.

Will be interesting to hear the new duet version.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160323)

by **Tom Lovett** » Tue Sep 23, 2014 9:04 am

Amazon give UK release date of 24th November 2014

You can pre order at £15.10 + postage.

Tom

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160344)

by **JMFabianoRPL** » Tue Sep 23, 2014 8:50 pm

Yeah, unless there is some other incomplete track that has enough material to create something as BEAUTIFUL as the Corner of the Sky duet, I can't see that track being topped. When Anne Murray did it, it left me flat because it was pretty much singing along to something that already existed. There was a lot of work and timing going into what they did with Petula.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160381)

by **Sweetbaby** » Wed Sep 24, 2014 10:27 pm



I gave Manilow's version of **Look...** a listen & thought he did a very nice job - & there was a time I would have said I hated Barry Manilow! I've long stopped tossing the word "hate" around - but overall I certainly don't care for his high-profile output. Anyway - while I can't say I consider a BM/DS duet on **Look...** in any way necessary, I feel confident it will be pleasant enough.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p160393)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Thu Sep 25, 2014 10:49 am

much enjoyed the duet Anne Murray put together with Dusty, but cant say I need to hear Barry Manilow warbling alongside Dusty who sings this song so beautifully solo.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p161242)

by **countrycake** » Wed Oct 15, 2014 11:03 am

Here's a link to Manilow's MP3 version of the duets album on Amazon, where some 30 seconds of the duet can be heard in advance of the release of the album on 22 November:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B0000IPK6W/ref=sr_1_69_rd?ie=UTF8&child=B0000IQ1K6&qid=1413369611&sr=1-69%3C/a%3E (http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B0000IPK6W/ref=sr_1_69_rd?ie=UTF8&child=B0000IQ1K6&qid=1413369611&sr=1-69%3C/a%3E)

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p161243)by **daydreamer** » Wed Oct 15, 2014 1:17 pm

From that snippet, I can only assume that he's letting Dusty sing the song and he's going to be the little voice in the background. Sort of pointless really, unless something different happens elsewhere.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p161440)by **humboldt** » Sat Oct 18, 2014 6:21 pm

Somebody hit me and tell me that I'm having a nightmare! The album should be called Manilow sings with Dead People! 🤪

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p162049)by **jeffery** » Mon Nov 03, 2014 3:55 am

👨👦 That's what my son told me about being a Dusty fan.

He said I was stalking dead women ! 🤪

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p162953)by **wally** » Tue Nov 25, 2014 12:00 am

You can download the track without buying the album, have done so and.....not sure!

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163018)by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Wed Nov 26, 2014 10:43 am

He was a guest on the one show and they asked him about some of the duets but didnt mention Dusty 🤔

anyway they played a few snippets and they all seemed the same type of production of the main voice still dominant and he seemed barely audible in the background.

on strictly he sang wonderful world in the background to Satchmo, seemed a bit pointless to me. 😊
just a good way for him to sell some more albums as a novelty 🤔

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163025)by **Tom Lovett** » Wed Nov 26, 2014 1:44 pm

Just received my copy of the CD and just played LOL.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163026)by **Tom Lovett** » Wed Nov 26, 2014 1:54 pm

As I was saying the LOL track is better than I expected especially when he sang Dusty don't go, brought a lump to my throat.

The sleeve is very disappointing, he looks like he's been embalmed !!!!

The notes only give production details, no reasoning for the choice of singer and song.

The notes state that Dusty Springfield appears courtesy of Virgin EMI Records
I thought Universal owned the rights to Dusty's recordings.

Tom

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163031)

by **countrycake** » Wed Nov 26, 2014 5:16 pm

Tom, the Vigin/EMI Records credit may simply be due to an internal reorganisation within Universal following its take-over of the bulk of the EMI Records Group, Universal lost the rights to use the Philips name around 10 years after the take-over of PolyGram, hence why Dusty's back catalogue started appearing under the Mercury name. Universal perhaps want to use Virgin/EMI name for all back catalogue material. They may regard it as better branding than Mercury. We won't know for sure until the next Dusty reissue appears.

While Dusty recorded with EMI in the late eighties, that material is not owned by Universal. The EU directed that Universal had to sell off EMI Classics and the Parlophone label apart from recordings by the Beatles to stop Universal having too big a share of the recorded music market. As a result, Dusty's EMI recordings are now owned by Warner Music Group.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163044)

by **Sweetbaby** » Thu Nov 27, 2014 2:30 am

Tom Lovett wrote:

Just received my copy of the CD and just played LOL.



I initially read your post Tom as "Just received my copy of the CD and just played [it]



While your post isn't critical one way or the other I assume you would have mentioned any extreme dis-satisfaction so I assume you did not in fact find the CD laughable.

Call me a cynic but I imagine the lack of any purported rationale for Manilow wishing to duet with each singer is because in each case the rationale would be the same: each singer has fans who'll want to hear him or her one more time! Still even it that's true I do think Manilow should have

made some statement on the merit of each of his partners.

As far as Manilow looking embalmed on the sleeve - apart from omitting his image or photoshopping the heck out of it I see that as unavoidable: with Barry a good likeness has to be a bad one!

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163152)

by **Clive** » Sat Nov 29, 2014 11:31 am

full version here for anyone who hasn't heard it

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E-wiNgZ8gg[/youtube]

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163206)

by **daydreamer** » Sun Nov 30, 2014 10:48 pm

Thank you Clive, I hadn't heard the whole song and was waiting for it to appear on YouTube as I don't think I'll bother buying the album. I'm actually pleasantly surprised, it's much better than I thought it would be and Dusty's voice is just so pure, he hasn't overwhelmed her at all.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163210)

by **Clive** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 8:27 am

I was surprised Carole at how much Barry took a back seat in the version, almost just a harmony vocal to Dusty.

He made brief complimentary comments about Dusty on his recent Jonathan Ross show appearance which was nice.

Not sure yet when I will buy the CD though, maybe wait for it in new year sales.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163211)

by **trek007** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 8:32 am

He also said in an interview that when he heard that voice in his headphones he just stayed in the background and listened to her.

He actually sings more in some of the other duets.

I have downloaded it and actually like it.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163215)

by **pat.dunham** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 10:45 am

The more I hear it, it grows on me, nicely underplayed by Barry. I like the slight change of lyric "don't ever go" to "Dusty don't go",
Barry played piano for Dusty on his song "I am your child" and also Dusty recorded another of his

song's "Sandra". A genuine fan.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163225)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 11:10 am

Pass the sick bag.

sorry hes just cynically cashing in for this cd.

hes just like a backing singer on these tracks. 😞

now if it was just Dusty with that new arrangement being released....

we could all sing the backing to her like this.. 😞

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163230)

by **trek007** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 2:08 pm

Cardiff Bluesgirl wrote:

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we could all sing the backing to her like this.. 😞

You won't want it for Christmas then 😞 😞 🙄

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163241)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Dec 01, 2014 4:41 pm

No i wont.... 😞

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163512)

by **JMFabianoRPL** » Sun Dec 07, 2014 4:52 pm

I got the CD, and the TLOL duet is actually a nice piece. I am going to give the CD to a Manilow fan, and see if any of the artists catch on with her too, especially you know who!

IMO, Nothing will ever top the Dusty/Petula Corner of the Sky, though, as that required more work to make it happen. And it's more of a novelty, seeing as the two women barely spoke to each other, despite being 60s UK icons*. This, and yes, even the Anne Murray one, is more like someone singing along to a recording we've all heard before.

EDIT: Yes, can someone release something as an excuse to put Dusty solo with the different arrangement on it?

* - As far as I know, of course.

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Re: Manilow's Dream Duets. (#p163598)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Tue Dec 09, 2014 1:12 pm

Here's what Manilow has to say about it:

Maggie

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