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by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Sun Oct 16, 2011 5:57 pm**

Brief section of a lengthy interview from Mary Weiss (lead singer of the Shangri-Las) from a few years ago. I couldn't copy and paste so I typed it out. I recall someone (Tommy Stevens, I think) relating another interview Mary did where she talked about Dusty.

*Mary: When we went to England we found the British spent more time setting up everything as far as television goes. They're meticulous. I walk in the studio and the entire soundstage was filled with sand, and a giant grandfather clock for one song. I just could not believe it. Dusty was on that show.*

*Interviewer: Dusty Springfield?*

*Mary: Yes. Dusty is an absolutely amazing talent. The Shangri-La's were in London doing Top of the Pops and Ready! Steady! Go! Dusty was having a very large party in her flat. It started out all civilized, nice French doors and antique desks, but she liked to start food fights. And she started one and I'm hiding under this lovely French desk with her manager and fish and food are flying by! They were actually throwing pies later in the night. So Mary Ann (Ganser, of the Shangri-Las) goes to put her boots on and they were filled with fish! Dusty was a kinky girl, but a true talent. But Mary Ann got even with Dusty. She waited and waited and the next time we were with Dusty at the Brooklyn Fox, Mary Ann put fish in Dusty's shoes. And that's called...payback! (laughs) (obviously paraphrasing "I Can Never Go Home Anymore")*

*Interviewer: Yeah!*

*Mary: Dusty also flung crockery at the Fox. There was this place where she bought a ton of cheap crockery. We learned the fine art of throwing plates there. Stand at one end of the corridor and fling it with all your might. It makes a loud crash and gets rid of stress. Parts of Dusty were very self-destructive, but the other side of her was so much fun. I'll always think fondly of her, no matter what anybody writes about her. The world will remember her talent. I'll always remember her laughter, the fine art of crockery throwing...and her talent!*



here's a link to the full interview:

<http://www.nortonrecords.com/maryweiss/05.php>

### Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Mon Oct 17, 2011 2:45 am**

 Good to read this first hand account.  
Thanks Markus. 

### **Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...**

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Mon Oct 17, 2011 10:52 am**

Always lovely to read peoples nice comments about Dusty

Neil 

### **Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...**

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Mon Oct 17, 2011 2:21 pm**

yes they all enjoyed her sense of fun etc. nice that all the girls from that era speak so fondly of her.




### **Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...**

by **paula**

Posted: **Mon Oct 17, 2011 2:51 pm**

I've read Mary's comments before...great find Markus.

How would it not be fun to party with Dusty and participate in her practical jokes (especially when they were all younger)...I would have LOVED to have a food fight w/ her 

### **Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...**

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue Oct 18, 2011 2:46 pm**

Thanks for taking the trouble to type it out, Markus! Lovely read. 

### **Re: Mary Weiss discusses Dusty...**

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Tue Oct 18, 2011 3:32 pm**

I think i would have given her a run for her money with the plate throwing!!

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