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by **Carole R.**

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Posted: **Mon Jul 12, 2010 9:43 pm**

Dusty mentioned on Womans Hour!

At the start of this interview with Jane Garvey, the author of the book, mentioned the 'glorious' Dusty Springfield..and they play a snippet of Wishin and Hopin.So, I would think that Dusty appears somewhere in it.

Girl Singers of the 1960s

With the exception of Madonna and the Spice Girls, some people argue that girl singers tend to be but footnotes in male centred histories of popular culture and popular music. However, in a new book, the academic Dr Laurie Stras, explores the cultural significance of 1960s girl singers and girl groups in the US and the UK and argues that the sixties girl singer was incredibly important - an enduring icon of popular culture and gave a voice to a whole section of women that had previously been ignored. She joins Jane to discuss.

She's So Fine - Reflections on Whiteness, Femininity, Adolescence and Class in 1960s Music, edited by Laurie Stras

The prog is available on Listen Again NOW!

The *interesting* topic (from about 13minutes in).. 😊

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00sz37d#synopsis>

CR xx

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Mon Jul 12, 2010 10:15 pm**

I'll take a listen to this tomorrow. Annie is involved in this book, I'm sure she will fill you in but I seem to remember it was on the cards and she wrote her piece even before Queen of the Postmods. You can read a little more about it here....

<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409400516>

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 1:20 pm**

Thanks for that links, Caroles. 🙏 The interview with LS is brief but worth a listen. Dusty is not really discussed, but some of the basic themes of the book are laid out. Why do these discussions always go so quickly!

I want to get that book but it is \$\$\$ may be for my birthday-- however, you should all note via Carole G's link that you can actually download a PDF of the introduction of the book which will give you an overview.

I have nudged Annie to comment on her chapter.

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **karen**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 1:46 pm**

Listened to this and just checked it out on Amazon, £52-25. [look who's on the cover 🎧]

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 2:25 pm**

Hi Everyone! I'm thrilled that this book is finally out :) --with Dusty and Martha on the cover-- though I'm sorry that it is so expensive. :(

CaroleG is right that I have an essay in this book. It is the original version of the chapter "Dusty's Hair" so please don't expect anything new on the Dusty front.

The book originated in a symposium that I organized several years ago on girl groups/girl singers at my university. The participants agreed to work up their lectures into essays and Laurie took on the monumental task of shaping the material into a book.

"She's So Fine..." contains about 10 essays by British, American, and Canadian scholars. In addition to Dusty, the topics include: Mary Hopkin, Tina Turner, Cilla/Sandie/Lulu, Marianne Faithfull, The Blossoms, Brenda Lee, et al., and an essay by Laurie on the mechanics of singing and the girl group sound.

Of course I think the collection is wonderful, otherwise I wouldn't be involved! I am proud that girl groups and girl singers (many of whom were women, like Dusty, as all of us here know) are getting some well-deserved, serious attention by music historians/cultural historians.

Thanks to CaroleR for spotting the radio interview and posting the link. Laurie's very smart! It was a delight to work with her.

Annie

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 2:30 pm**

looks like a great book but way out of my price range unfortunately. 😞
agree with Annie though ,its good to see these great female singers getting their overdue recognition. 🙌

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 3:46 pm**

I have written to the folks at Ashgate US to see if they would provide a copy for review/interview for LTD and/or for us to raffle/auction for charity.

Hey, it never hurts to ask, for the love of Dusty. 🌹

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 3:47 pm**

Yes it does indeed look like its worth a read, but its a bit out of my price range too, unless its jammed full of Dusty pics that is!

Casx

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **trek007**

Posted: **Tue Jul 13, 2010 9:32 pm**

Yes, it does look like its well worth a read.

Abit out of my price range too..maybe a copy will be in my local library.

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **spooky1**

Posted: **Wed Jul 14, 2010 12:32 am**

Hi Everyone: About the price...Ashgate has had many complaints about the price of the book and they say it's priced that way because they assume that libraries will be buying it. They also have a rather complicated discount scheme for sale at academic conferences (half-price! which, even then, seems expensive) and to students who might be using it on a course.

So, keep checking in your local libraries! It will get there eventually!

Annie

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Wed Jul 14, 2010 2:13 pm**

Wondering if it will come out in paperback? Probably not, I guess, if it's an academic book.

PS Annie did you have anything to say about the cover photo? so FAB.

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Wed Jul 14, 2010 3:01 pm**

Yes the photo choice is FAB, couldn't have picked a better one in my opinion. Congratulate whoever chose it Annie 😊 Shame about the price, it does put it out of reach of many people. I'd love to read it but I can't see me forking out that sort of dosh for a book. I have read Annie's "Dusty's Hair" before but I'm interested in what is said about the other sixties girls too, especially the American ones. I liked the Darlene Love quote on the radio programme, when Spector was bragging about how many hits he'd had, she said something like "if it's all about you, why aren't you making instrumentals". In other words, he needed those voices.

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by **spooky1**

Posted: **Wed Jul 14, 2010 4:16 pm**

A possible solution: I am supposed to receive two free copies of the book soon. Perhaps I can send one to Nancy and we can have a charity auction for it? The other one could circulate among any interested LTDers via post?

Seems a pity to have something that so many of us would be interested in reading, but to have it out of reach because of the price!

Carole, you're so right about Phil Spector and that is discussed in the essay by J Warwick.

About the picture: all the authors were invited to suggest something for the cover but the final decision was Laurie's. I like her choice!

Annie

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Wed Jul 14, 2010 5:50 pm**

Very generous of you, Annie. Let's wait and see if the publisher's response to my request for a review copy and a raffle/auction copy and take it from there. 😊

Again, reminding peeps, that if you follow the link that Carole G posted you can get a PDF of the introduction to the book as well as a list of the table of contents.

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **Tommy Stevens**

Posted: **Thu Jul 15, 2010 9:36 pm**

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The best response would have been, "I am. With you as the lead instrument."

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Wed Jul 28, 2010 7:27 pm**

Well I will have to have one for my dusty room, it would be rude not to 😊

Neil

Re: New book about 60s girl singers.

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Fri Jul 30, 2010 8:06 pm**

allherfaces wrote:

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Two weeks now and the publisher did not respond. 🙄

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