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Cas19

Wasn't born to follow

Posted - 25/11/2007 : 15:57:42

Thought you may like to read this, some of you wont have read a lot of the articles in my scrapbooks, not all are as easy to copy. This is by Mel



8313 Posts

THE AMERICANISATION of dear old Dusty Springbox has not and will not take place I am pleased to report following a recent confrontation at 'Top of the Grandads' where Mary O'Brien had returned from her short run around America still as loveably 'loopy' as ever.

During her two months of American 'promo' La Springfield was Andy Williamised, Johnny Cashed and Jo Ann Worleyed but has come through the publicity grind remarkably unscathed, to return and do her thing, 'Please Don't Come' with brother Tom.

Jagging about in the studio to the sound of the Slade's 'Shape of Things to Come' and trying to recollect where she had heard the song before Dusty politely invited me back to the dressing room for a chat where Norma Tanega provided 'asides' and an Australian lady went to work on Dusty's 'barnet' with rollers and brush. Someone had presented her with a long list of questions supposed to reveal her psyche.

"Can You Get A Party Going?" read Dusty from the Questionnaire supplying answers aloud - "Not any more".

"Do You Find It Hard To Get Up Some Mornings?" - most mornings. "Would You Do Anything For A Dare?" - once upon a time! "Once In A While Do You Lose Your Temper And Get Angry?" - mostly. "Have You Ever Been Afraid Of Losing Your Mind?" - "DUH".

AWARE

"I'm very aware of the problem of being sold through the American publicity machine as if I were a packet of detergent or something," admitted Dusty. "But being aware of it is the first step in being able to avoid it. We had a certain amount of difficulty convincing people to use my photographs which were a little far out - rather Vogue - as opposed to the 'pretty pretty' shots which are not really me.

"I never really liked Johnny Cash as an artist until I appeared on his TV show in Nashville and then I was able to see for the first time that he really is very good. When we were the Springfields Mike Hurst used to be 'potty' about Cash and we used to say 'Oh come on Mike - all that ding wang dang.' but now I can appreciate that he is quite skilled.

PRETENTIOUS

"One of the most off putting things about him to me is the way they are selling him now though - all this pretentious publicity like 'you

only have to look at his face to tell where he has been.' Cash seems to be a nice genuine guy but 'the Machine' is hyping him into something he is not!"

Norma Tanega provided a brief biography of Cash's childhood which she maintains was not quite so poverty stricken as some would like us to believe. Bobbie Gentry was put up as another example of over-glossing a natural talent and Dusty coined an expressive term for what has happened to Gentry's Southern-folk style - "It's become swamp-sequin!"

"I did the Andy Williams Show and met Jo Ann Worley and she is just as batty in real life as on 'Laugh In.' Great fun!

Dusty took some time out to holiday in the West Indies on the island of St. Thomas - away from it all and was just a little peeked to be recognised at her worst.

STRANGERS

"I was lying on the beach with a towel wrapped round my head, burnt to a crisp with a nicely toasted nose and dark glasses and up comes a complete stranger and says 'Hello Dusty,' she recalled with a grin. "They were engineers from Birmingham - you never know whether to be pleased or insulted when you're recognised looking like that."

Meanwhile back in Britain Dusty has the new single released as a duet with Brother Tom. "I'm not really looking at 'Please Don't Come' as my single," said Dusty. "It was originally on Tom's Decca album and I got special permission from Philips to sing on that one track - now Philips have released it as a single. It's a nice song but I'm not really counting on it as a hit for me - I don't know what makes a hit any more anyway. It should be a hit with the Mums and Dads!

Dusty completed another recording session in Philadelphia which amounted to six new tracks - one of which, "Free Girl" is to be issued as a single in America.

"I've got a couple of albums to complete now in London," said Dusty. "But most of the time so far has been taken up with TV. I've just completed an Engelbert Humperdinck Show on which I did a medley of musical hits, 'Wings Over Broadway' and a dance routine.

"Ever since I did that tango on the Andy Williams show they've come to the conclusion I'm a new dancing discovery," smiled Dusty. "But as soon as they put that straw hat on my head - it'll all be over."

RECORD MIRROR April 18 1970

When I get a chance I'll look for others. Casx



Kathy

Wasn't born to follow

Posted - 26/11/2007 : 02:48:26

Thanks for posting Cas.



Who was the Australian female hairdresser? Are they referring to the camp male Aussie hairdresser Dusty had at this time?



paula x

USA
5012 Posts

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 27/11/2007 : 18:23:19

Here's another.....



8313 Posts

Half an hour late; doesn't recognise her interviewer; spills tea—
It's definitely Dusty!

THAT'S TRUE TO FORM—dear old Dusty put back our original interview by half an hour, turned up in a flurry, clapping her Fris Fris, buck safari, hat, lone for all you white hunters who can go back that far! To her head with friend Norma, Tanya in tow and promptly waited straight through me, leaving my frozen snail of greeting yawning a large vacuum space!

Those uninitiated into the caprices of the betty blonde complex might not put out but Dusty is so obviously vulnerable to photographers' signed she could not recognise Louis Armstrong from Andy Fairweather Low at more than two paces) and so eminently forgivable it is only the critical assassin who would attack such an easy target.

Dusty's relationship with the Press has always been a delicate one.

"There are certain journalists who don't like me and I am not dusty about them and the reason is back a long way".

With a hyper-sensitive personality she trusted easily and her memory is long and lucid as to the details. Of recent events she has retained but not beyond relevance of those reports which referred to her "quitting" Britain although she affirmed the basis of the story to be true.

"Having saved ourselves in a quiet office and provided her with a nibbler like she promptly discarded it all over everyone in a state of nervous agony, at being late, we eventually identified the position Springfield 1970.

"Dust" is such a silly word to use and one which I have not used myself," said Dusty. "It implies that I am leaving of my loved young fern in the lurch and that concerns me. I would feel best if someone I admire suddenly turned round and said they were 'quitting'—my fans really are so loyal and of course the younger ones believe everything they read in the papers.

"The truth is simply that I am tired of doing the same old thing in the same old way and I think people must be getting tired of being and hearing me do it. I am going to work more in America because it provides a new challenge and the kind of TV exposure that I need. But I'm not going to live in America permanently—even if I wanted to I could not stay longer than six months because of work commitments.

"I had lost sight of any goal while working in England—just working for weeks sake and nothing seemed to be leading towards any kind of objective. Originally my intention was to become rich and famous—well let's say I have achieved a little of each—enough to make sure there alone are well-

"America has the kind of TV media and organization that can boost a female artist to the heights of a Patsy Cline, Brenda, Garland or Peggy Lee. The type of success I would like to achieve is that of a Peggy Lee who became a respected vocalist without working the tired mills of cabaret constantly or having her private life exposed and sensationalized by the publicity machines."

What is a Dusty Springfield is a question which both the press and the woman herself having been asking over these past five successful years. She of the catwalks who appears between the pages of our national newspapers having lobbied a cream throughout an entire nation or duffed up Buddy Rich most assuredly exists but there is a softer, sadder and—would you believe—sheer person lurking beneath the surface.

"I think my reputation for being difficult and temperamental has really been blown up out of all proportion by the Press," said Dusty. "So O.K. I took a swipe at Buddy Rich that time but after three weeks of reports I think I have decided to do that. Shirley Bassey got a reputation for being emotional and creating scenes but on the only occasions I have met her she was a very softy, spoken and reasonable person.

"There are times when you just have to stand up for yourself and those tend to be the occasions when you like the head."

When comes that ridiculous situation when you are expected to live up to your reputation even if it is a bad one! I played some concerts in Holland recently and went all through the rehearsal press, interviews and publicity without a hitch. The organisers were so disappointed because I had not been difficult!

"This is such an unfair business in that almost any action you take is subject to public exposure and misinterpretation—actions which would be considered quite normal in any other job but under the glare of publicity become exaggerated and distorted. I'm not expecting anyone to shed any tears for me but it is unfair."

It is unfortunate in many ways that Dusty has not become the hardened imperious female that some artists turn into after a few years in the business for she is so deeply affected now by what people say and think of her as she was at the beginning of her career—perhaps more so.

"I'm very spoilt," admits Dusty. "I have to get spontaneous applause now to think I'm being appreciated or I become unwell. Even if I know that technically I was singing really rotten and the audience has been unduly enthusiastic I'm still happy because they like me.

Quite recently Dusty appeared on TV wearing her hair in a new style and presenting a new image for her single, "Brand New Me". The crew were quick to let her know that she had no right to look like anything other than Dusty.

"I had to swallow all that because I know I didn't look good and it didn't suit me," said Dusty. "The reason was quite simply that my hair-dresser had made a mistake but how can you say that—'my hairdresser made a mistake'—it sounds so petty!"

How does Dusty feel to be in the highly unusual situation of having two top singles behind her?

"Disappointed," said Dusty frankly. "I can't stand those people who say that a hit single makes a difference to them. Of course it matters. It's a tremendous kick to hear someone whistling or singing a song that you've made popular. The snag is that it starts you on that same old roundabout of TV, radio, interviews, etc. that I am hoping to break away from."

At present Dusty is taking some very good advice from Don Williams who is Andy Williams' brother and manager Jack Jones in America. If negotiations between her American adviser and O.W. are successful it seems likely that Dusty will have her first manager for nearly two years.

"A manager can be a mixed blessing," said Dusty. "If he's good he can make you but if he's bad he can break you."

Dusty has already been offered one leading role in an American musical called "Mahogany" but turned down the part as being unobtainable.

"The part was that of a pre-war prostitute which I felt I could not step into with any confidence," said Dusty. "In addition to which if it had dropped I would have been smothered with it for six months!" If it had succeeded I would hope still have been tied down too long in one spot. In spite of that if she offer had come six months after I had I might have accepted the challenge because I am that desperate to expand my career."

With the massive TV exposure which is being laid on for Dusty in America and her own need to succeed she may well find in the next year or so that she has at last produced a real female counterpart from a film start to challenge the American star syndrome. Anyone who doubts her potential should simply listen to Dusty's heavenly voice to her!—LJF

Casx



Teda
Like by little
★

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Like by little
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Agonystray
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Posted - 28/11/2007 : 02:45:46

I'll find out the rest tomorrow. But Georgia Fox who was on CSI the first one. Is directing a one woman show of Dusty. Ellie Greenwich wanted to

Posted - 28/11/2007 : 18:11:24

Its Jorga Fox. Its at this center with Cristine Smith. She is Co-producer. Not directing as I was told. As I was told her spelling of name. Teda

Posted - 28/11/2007 : 18:59:26

Thanks for the info. I gathered more information and made it a thread of its own:



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THEY FLY around, these jet-set chicks of the pop world. Wings-a-fluttering, they regard the mighty Atlantic as little more than a ditch.

Take Dusty Springfield. She's always loved America; specially the soul and the fervour of the music she hears there. It was Cliff Richard who once described her as sounding "like a white Negress", and certainly some of her best friends are stars like Martha Reeves of the Vandellas.

Dusty hopped the Atlantic to record "Son Of A Preacher Man" and then the magnificent "Brand New Me", soaking up the Memphis, Tennessee, studio atmosphere for singles which incredibly didn't hit the top.

She's always wanted an international image. Now she's decided that the best way to get it is to split her working year between Britain and America. She'll build her reputation in the States via television and concert work; still record there; but STILL return to play hostess at shows for her many British fans.



Casx



Kathy

Worried.com to follow



Posted - 05/12/2007 : 10:52:39

Hmmm interesting outfit. Looks a bit like a chastity belt! 🙄🙄🙄

xx
Kathy



Australia

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Administrator



Posted - 05/12/2007 : 16:50:34

OMG I love that outfit. It's the harlequin suede hip huggers with the big belt, the matching vest, the big cuffed shirt....the only thing she could

Cas or anyone do you know where these pics were taken?

~Don't forget about me, now baby



USA

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Moderator



Posted - 05/12/2007 : 18:10:31





United Kingdom
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Casx



Love that jacket. dust was way ahead of her time with that one.

Wendy

allherfaces

Posted - 06/12/2007 : 19:16:04

Administrator



She also wore that, with a yellow turtleneck, in an appearance with Tom... I think singing Morning Please Don't Come. The picture was on the front of one of the DS Bulletins.

(Just waiting for Carole or Cas to fill in the details. LOL.)

~Don't forget about me, now baby



USA

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daydreamer

Posted - 06/12/2007 : 22:24:43

Moderator



Yes she did Nancy (issue 58) and you get a full look at those snazzy hartequin pants. I'm not sure if the performance was for the Simon Dee St

Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around..."





Originally posted by daydreamer

Found the mention of Dustys feelings for Peter Starstedt quite interesting as a few years back I was talking to Pat about the "engagement" rumour in the papers, w that it was his brother Peter that Dusty was very friendly with.

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

8313 Posts

Don't think I knew that Carole, ummmmmmm

Casx



Sweetbaby
18 (17) anything
★★★★

Posted - 24/12/2007 : 16:45:24

Canada
1466 Posts

Hmmm...I mis-remembered Peter Skellern as being Eden Kane's brother! Peter Sarstedt - there was a time when Where Do You Go To My Love Stefanie Powers' sister.

Mark

I've got a good thing
★★★★

Posted - 27/12/2007 : 09:34:23



Interesting articles.....one newspaper article that has been posted on LTD but I can't find it is the one about where Dusty has sung with Dionne again, plus with Springtime (hopefully) not too far off I'll be on my travels and as it's a Dusty location to take a pic of this Pub!

Any chance of a link or repost please?

Mark

United Kingdom
5309 Posts

Cas19
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Posted - 28/12/2007 : 18:29:46



Had to do this really big so you all could read it.

Casx



8313 Posts

Kathy
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 29/12/2007 : 01:52:20



Sorry Cas, but we still cannot read it

xx
Kathy

Australia
6508 Posts

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 29/12/2007 : 07:14:15



quote:

Originally posted by Kathy

Sorry Cas, but we still cannot read it

xx
Kathy

8313 Posts

I wonder why I can then its appearing on screen okay. Sorry I don't know what I can do to alter it.

Casxxx



daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★

Posted - 29/12/2007 : 07:32:53



I can read it, clear as a bell, no problem. Are some people getting the dreaded red cross? Mark, I'll look for the article you want.

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

Edited by - daydreamer on 29/12/2007 07:33:35

United Kingdom
5404 Posts

Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★

Posted - 29/12/2007 : 09:45:54

I can read it fine too.



United Kingdom
5404 Posts



Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around..."

daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 29/12/2007 : 15:50:43

I've been having a little surf around trying to find the City Arms Pub and all I can come up with is this, which is quite interesting if it's the same



United Kingdom
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City Road is the famous road in the "Pop goes the weasel" nursery rhyme (i.e. "...up and down the City Road, in and out of the Eagle, that's the way the money goes, pop goes the weasel").

It runs south-east from Islington, bisects Old Street, then carries on down south towards Moorgate. It's a mile or two to the west (south west) of Hackney.

I know the area fairly well, but don't know of a pub called the City Arms. I've had a quick Google, and it appears that it was in existence in 1978 (I found a tour guide for Toyah Wilcox, and she was playing there!). It seems it's now called the Stick and Weasel

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 29/12/2007 15:51:55

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 30/12/2007 : 10:30:33

Thanks for the article Carole, I dont recall this so its nice to see it...even if I had to squint to read it 😊👍



8313 Posts

Casx

Posted - 30/12/2007 : 18:17:39

Thank you for reposting Carole! 😊.....it's given me the info I need for when I go on a 'Dusty trek'!



Please can anyone translate 🇬🇧🇺🇸

Casx



8313 Posts

Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 10/01/2008 : 23:00:06

No takers on that one then Cas.



Wendy

United Kingdom
4703 Posts

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 13/01/2008 : 16:13:59

quote:

Originally posted by Hampson

No takers on that one then Cas.

Wendy



8313 Posts

No Wendy but I live in hope 😊

Casx



Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 15/01/2008 : 08:40:32

Heres one you can read 😊



8313 Posts

Disc and Music Echo—March 23, 1964

DUSTY: the International Incident girl

DUSTY SPRINGFIELD looks upon herself as a constant International Incident.

First there was the punch-up in South Africa—and subsequent walking out of our star under what was almost an armed guard. Then there have been the numerous pie-throwing incidents—back-stage and at parties.

There was her shattering arrival at Basin Street USA to find she and Mr. Buddy Rich did not get along—and our star and Mr. Rich continued not to get along twice nightly for two weeks. Her latest escapade was last week in Holland where our star did not appear because of a row between her manager and officials of the "Grand Gala Du Disque."

Foreign

Now all this would be fame alone. But heaped on this heady list of happenings came varying newspaper reports. Dusty Springfield is front page material and seems to run into...





it as an 8 x 10 glossy. Having spent some time around Notting Hill on Sunday, we walked past the Aubrey Walk house. It's all very quiet now, c

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

United Kingdom
5404 Posts

Cas19
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Posted - 15/01/2008 : 18:43:27

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Casx

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alherfaces
Administrator
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Posted - 15/01/2008 : 19:26:47

Do not fear---they are being immensely enjoyed and you will be seeing them on the website soon, too!



~Don't forget about me, now baby

USA
14235 Posts

misty
I try anything
★★★

Posted - 15/01/2008 : 20:46:09

Cas,
just to let you know how much i enjoy and look forward to the articles that you post. have a hard time typing right now but please know that i
misty



USA
1413 Posts

Laura
Administrator
★★★★

Posted - 15/01/2008 : 22:00:58

Hey Caroles! We got most of em up but is there any chance we can get bigger versions, as some might not be easy to read...

<http://www.dustyspringfield.info/21690/182201.html>

Thanks again for helping out!

Love, Laura xx

United Kingdom
3078 Posts



Let's Shop Dusty!
<http://astore.amazon.co.uk/letadu-21>

Rob
Administrator
★★★★

Posted - 15/01/2008 : 22:05:34

Yes, belated but nevertheless heartfelt thanks for all the posts here



R x B

United Kingdom
4205 Posts

Kathy
Want to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 15/01/2008 : 22:42:42

Cas, I love the articles and realise now that I've missed one or two somehow. Many thanks for posting, they ARE appreciated.

BTW I've just realised something, Pam and I will be staying in Notting Hill for a week when we come to London and in Carole's post she indicates

xx
Kathy

Australia
6508 Posts

Chrispid
I try anything
★★★

Posted - 16/01/2008 : 00:24:17

Thanks for the articles Cas. Always good to read and see the photos.

By the way Carole you mentioned seeing Dustys house in Aubrey Walk recently. When I visited it back in early December Dustys plaque was virtu

Chris

United Kingdom
3422 Posts

Paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 17/01/2008 : 01:41:47

newspaper clippings look good on the website...nice addition.
paula x



USA
5012 Posts

Hampson
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★★★★★

Posted - 17/01/2008 : 05:58:00

quote:

Originally posted by Cas19

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Casx



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Wendy

Cas19
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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 08:26:40

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Originally posted by Hampson

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Casx



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Wendy

Never think that Wendy tho' I must admit I sometimes dont comment 'cos the memory isnt too good these days...but hey its enough to be a far
Casx



Cas19
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Posted - 18/01/2008 : 15:23:29

Casx



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Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 18/01/2008 : 16:30:30

Yeah - well up to scratch Dust. Nice Cas, thanks.

Wendy



United Kingdom
4703 Posts

Tim
Where am I going?
★★★☆☆

Posted - 18/01/2008 : 16:31:35

Nice one Cas -

haven't read this before - groovy shoes as well.. wonder what shoe size Dusty was?

'I'd like to retouch my whole life!'



United Kingdom



What would'nt we have all given to have been at a 'Throwing party' 🤔🤔



8313 Posts

Casx



Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 21/01/2008 : 20:20:07

Yes what a revealing article. Thanks Cas.



Wendy

United Kingdom
4703 Posts

Tim
What am I going?

Posted - 21/01/2008 : 21:27:48

10 Posts ...

Cas19 Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 27/01/2008 : 11:41:00



Sorry not good, bitofwritng missing, but was best I could do.
Casx



8313 Posts
misty It's try anything
★★★



Cas,
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misty 🍏

USA
1413 Posts
paula Moderator
★★★★★



its easy enough to fill in those missing bits, Cas. Thanks for the article..I enjoyed reading it 😊
paula x

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5012 Posts
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misty 🍏

8313 Posts
Hi Misty I have just 4 Files and I'm sure I've scanned half of them 😊
Pleased you are enjoying the articles, you too Paula.

Casx



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Posted - 31/01/2008 : 10:01:35



Heres another.....

Casx



8313 Posts
Tim Whore am I going?
★★★



Hmm.. great read as always Cas - did she really think that I wonder or was it to explain away her status?

'I'd like to retouch my whole life!'

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Posted - 31/01/2008 : 18:22:12



Hard to say Tim, I often thought that myself when I re read this through the years.
Casx



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Will ...
Posted - 31/01/2008 : 19:04:38